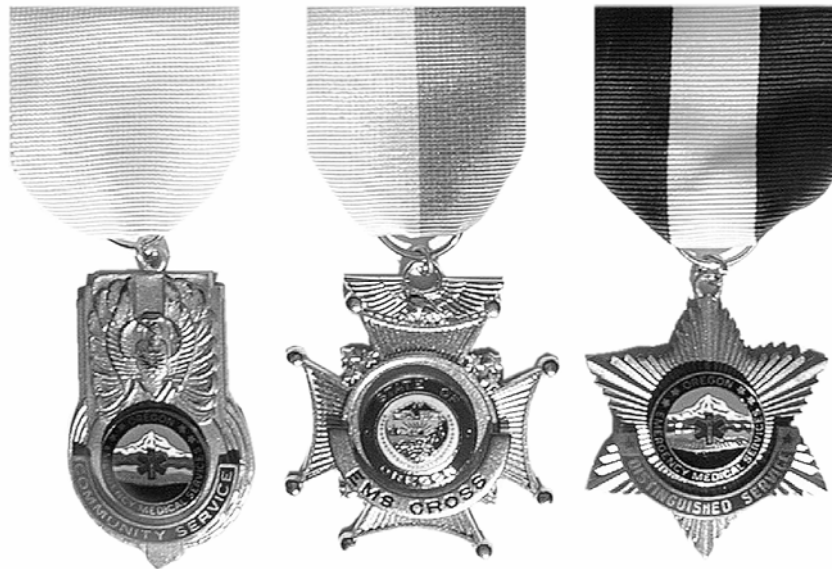




2009 State EMS Awards Banquet



Book of Recognition

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INTRODUCTION

The Oregon EMS Awards Program is intended to recognize excellence, to foster achievement, and to honor those in and around EMS Systems whose acts and deeds stand out from the day-to-day excellence of that system.

The 2008 EMS Awards Program *Book of Recognition* memorializes the recipients of EMS program awards during the award cycle of June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008. Listed in the succeeding pages are brief descriptions of the awards presented and citations upon which they are based.

There are many noteworthy acts performed every day by EMS providers across the State of Oregon. It is not possible to recognize the hundreds of providers responsible for those many good deeds. This book is dedicated not only to those whose names and deeds are included, but to any others who, unknown to this committee, also performed acts and deeds representing the best traditions of our calling and profession.

We would like to thank the following people for their participation on the awards selection committee:

- Peggy Andrews representing the College Consortium
- Tina Greiner representing the Oregon Volunteer Fire Association
- Dave Lapof representing the 2009 EMS Conference Planning Committee
- Jan Lee representing the Oregon State Ambulance Association
- Patty Petersen representing the Oregon Area Health Education Centers
- Scott Shepherd representing the Oregon Fire Medical Administrators Association

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EMS Unit Citation

The EMS Unit Citation recognizes acts of organizations, units, or specially constituted teams in providing emergency prehospital care or EMS system support activities under extreme circumstances.

Agency: Columbia Memorial Hospital, Gearhart Fire Department, Medix Ambulance, and Providence Seaside Hospital

Names: *Columbia Memorial Hospital* – Floyd Baker, RN; Lori Christiansen, RN; Julie George, RN; Sue Heineck, MD; Chris Hogan, RN; Kevin Johnson, CRNA; Randy Johnson, CRNA; Jeremy McArthur, RN; Jennifer Quigley, RN; and Truman Sasaki, MD; *Gearhart Fire Department* – Ron Britton, FR; Carl Brown, FF; Tony Como, FF; Judy Curnow, EMT-I; Joey Daniels, EMT-I; Bill Eddy, EMT-I; and Travis Owsley, FF; *Medix Ambulance* – Blair Kok, EMT-P; Mike Lang, EMT-B; Beth MacNicoll, EMT-P; Duane Mullins, EMT-P; and Levi Parker, EMT-B; *Providence Seaside Hospital* – Casey Berndt, RN; Kirk Cozee, RN; Tim Jobe, RN; Tim Opie, MD; and Mary Romanaggi, RN



Shortly after 6:30AM on August 4, 2008 a single engine aircraft with 2 passengers on board crashed into a single-family home that was being used as a vacation rental. The house had 6 people inside, 1 adult and 5 children. The adult and 2

children managed to get out of the house after the plane hit it and exploded, but they were severely injured with burns and lacerations over most of their bodies.

Through the coordinated efforts of Medix Ambulance, Gearhart Fire Department, and both local hospitals, Providence Seaside Hospital and Columbia Memorial Hospital, the survivors were triaged and transported to both hospitals, then stabilized prior to being transported the Emanuel Burn Center. The number of patients on scene was very difficult to determine because the exact number of people in the house, on board the plane and in the neighboring structure, which was also destroyed, were not known.

Once the patients were received at both hospitals the Doctors, Nurses and hospital staff went to work stabilizing the patients and consulting with Emanuel Burn Center regarding appropriate treatment of these types of injuries.

This type of call is the kind Ambulance providers, Fire Departments, and Hospitals drill for all the time, but with luck may go an entire career without encountering. Our luck ran out on August 4, 2008. Unfortunately 5 people were killed as a result of this accident, but 3 were saved due to the training and the fact that all four agencies involved train and work together to be as prepared as possible for such a horrific event.

