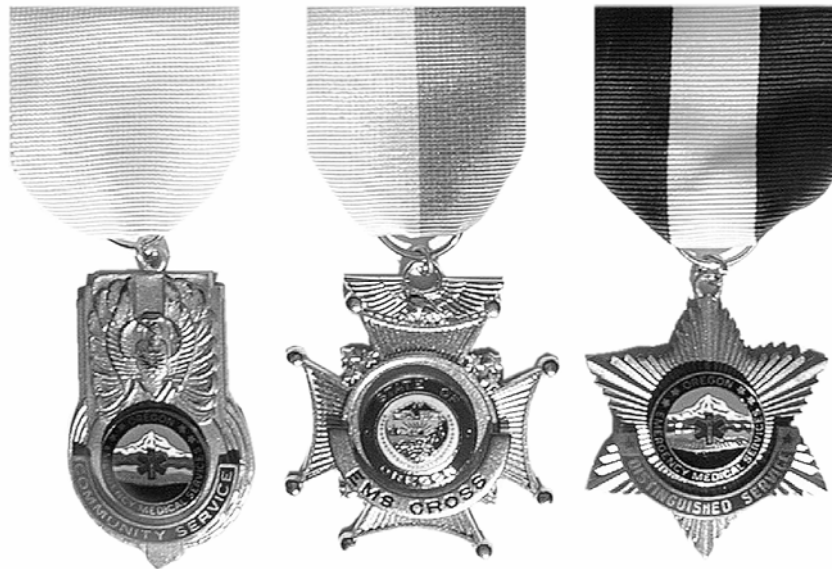




# **2009 State EMS Awards Banquet**



## **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:** Nestucca Rural Fire, Tillamook County General Hospital Ambulance, Tillamook County Sheriff's Office

**Names:** *Nestucca Rural Fire* – Captain Levi Beachy, FR; Simon Carillo, FR; Laurie Caspell, EMT-P; Jaynie Cole, FR; Lieutenant Travis Cole, FR; Ann Cunningham, FR; John Eckhardt, EMT-B; Lieutenant Don Harrison, FR; Deputy Chief Mickey Hays, EMT-B; Deputy Chief John Kiefel, EMT-I; Patrick Maahs, FR; Neil Marquis, FR; Sherrienne Remington, FR; Captain Jim Strassle; Jeneanne Upton, FR; and Jared Wakefield, FR; *Tillamook County General Hospital Ambulance* – George (Bill) Allen, EMT-P; Paul Fredericksen, EMT-P; Jennifer Joslin, EMT-P; Trisha Moore, EMT-P; Don Siemsen, EMT-P; Robert Singleton, EMT-P; and Nick Watts, EMT-P; *Tillamook County Sheriff's Office* – Sergeant Michael Fox; Deputy Jim Horton; and Commander Eric Swanson, EMT-P.





At about 9:30 p.m., on September 26, 2008, the quiet night was shattered by the sounds of roaring engines and screeching metal, and the night sky was lit up with a large fireball. The Tillamook 9-1-1 District received a report of a serious injury crash on the “flats” at Sandlake Recreation Area.

Personnel from Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District, the Tillamook County Sheriff’s Office, and Tillamook Hospital Ambulance were dispatched to the call.

The first rail was found on it’s top with it’s occupant lying face down outside of the vehicle. The second rail, which had been run over by the first rail, held a total of four occupants. The driver, who sustained a direct impact from the first rail, was killed instantaneously, as well as the passenger, seated directly behind him.

In the front passenger seat was a male who had sustained chest and abdominal trauma. His left leg had been traumatically amputated just below the knee, and was rotated 180 degrees. The rear seat passenger was critically injured with head, neck, and chest trauma. The steel frame tubing of the rail entrapped both, which was cut away using battery operated reciprocating saws carried on the sand rescue vehicles.

Rescue personnel were not able to access the patients without having four-wheel drive capability. Units were staged in the parking lot and were shuttled a mile across the dunes to the scene.

The explosive impact of the crash had left a gruesome scene; a debris field of scattered metal and human remains littered the sandy landscape for nearly 100 yards from the point of impact. Commanders began planning for critical incident stress debriefing before the first patient had left the scene.

All three (3) patients were transported from the parking lot within 40 minutes of the first arriving fire and law enforcement personnel; an exceptional scene time based on the location of the incident, the logistical hurdles, and the fact that the third ambulance came from nearly 40 miles away.

## Adventist Health

### *Tillamook County General Hospital*

