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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 2014 EMS Awards Program *Book of Recognition* memorializes the recipients of EMS program awards during the award cycle of June 1, 2013 through September 10, 2014. Listed in the succeeding pages are brief descriptions of the awards presented and situations 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 these 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 EMS Committee - Licensure and Discipline and the Oregon EMS Conference Committee for their participation with the awards selections.

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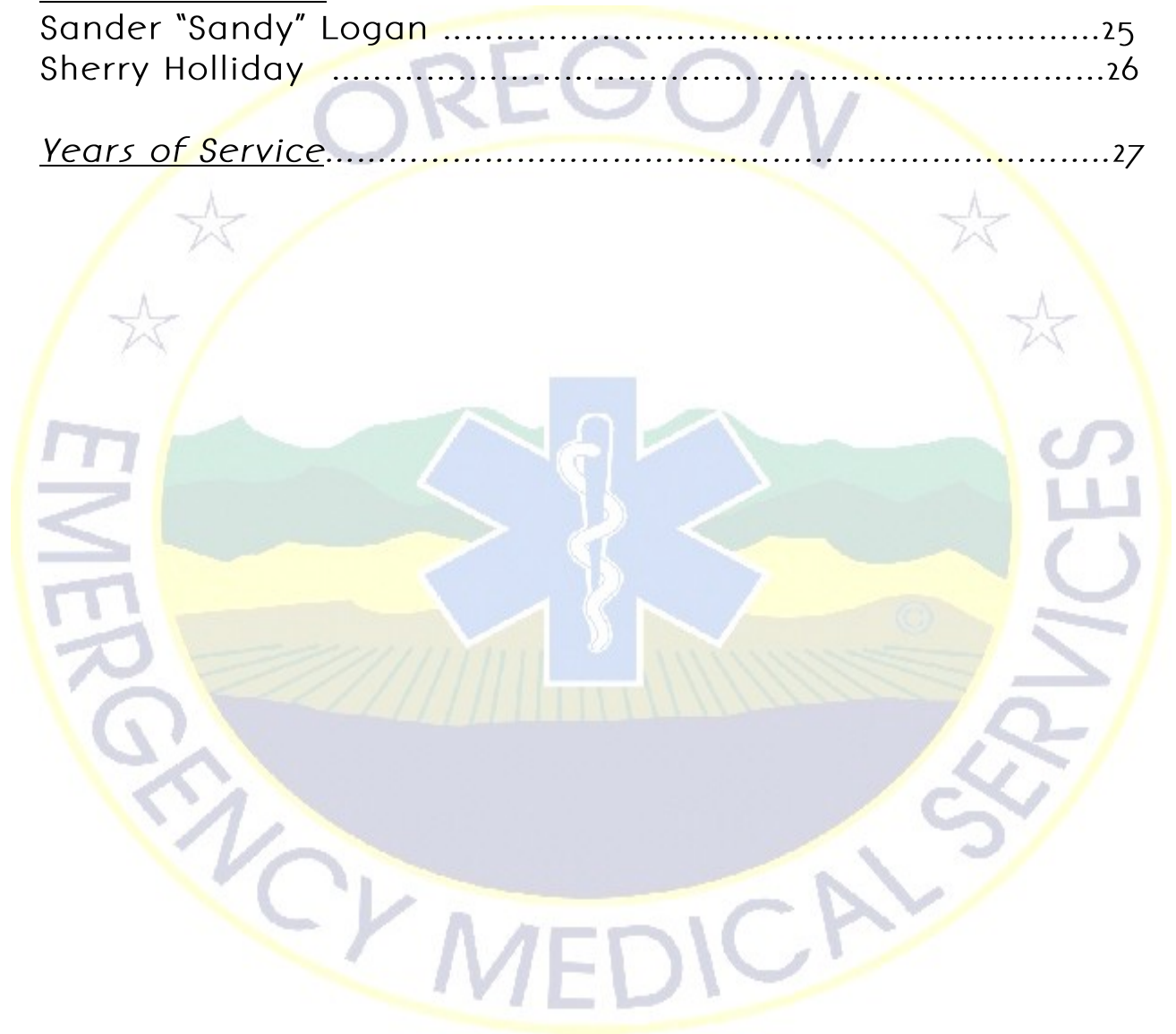
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Mosier Fire Department
Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue*



*James "Jim" Miller: EMT
Toledo Fire Department*



LAST CALL

*Lt. Dan Schrader: Paramedic
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue*



*Pam Uribe: EMT
American Medical Response*



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Community Service Award recognizes an EMT who has made an outstanding commitment to non-patient care aspects of a community's EMS system.

**This year's recipient:
Samantha Metheny – EMT
Medford Fire - Rescue**



For the past three school years, Ms. Samantha Metheny has been the organizer and driving force behind the Southern Oregon CPR Initiative in Jackson County. The goal of this initiative was to increase the survival rate of out-of-hospital-cardiac arrests by teaching hands-only CPR to seventh graders throughout Jackson County.

Ms. Metheny helped to teach the first classes of seventh grade students hands-only CPR, using the American Heart Association (AHA) AnyTime CPR kits purchased with funds donated by the John and Nora Darby Heart Fund. She has since taken over the organization of the program, and additionally teaches many of the classes. She carries out fundraising, schedules class sessions with school principals, teachers and volunteer facilitators, orders and distributes the AnyTime CPR kits, communicates with the AHA liaison and collects, and tallies, the homework after class. She has arranged for other local EMS Agency Providers to teach the classes in schools in their jurisdictions and provides them the necessary instructions and supplies.

As a result of Samantha's efforts, the Southern Oregon CPR Initiative taught 269 students in the first year of the program and 1,205 students in the last school year (2013-2014), which is more than half of the seventh graders in the county. On average, each of these students has taught hands-only CPR to at least two other friends or family members as homework.

She says, "In the past year we taught who provided who subsequently walked out clearly a successful result."



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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Community Service Award recognizes an EMT who has made an outstanding commitment to non-patient care aspects of a community's EMS system.

This year's recipient:

AMR CPR Challenge Team

Paul Priest, Randy Lauer, Lucie Drum, Chad Heidt, Ben Sorenson, Liz Upton, Marc Kilman- Burnham, Tina Beeler, Georgia Katsirubas, John Griffith and coordinator Mike Verkest



AMR's CPR Challenge Team began planning the implementation and coordination of the second annual AMR World CPR Challenge months before the May 21st, 2014 event date. Exceptional teamwork and life-saving instruction led to the team's excellent results: the coordination of twelve venues, and training of 3,200 people, on how to save a life using compression-only CPR.

The challenge was part of a nationwide initiative, held during National EMS Week, to train thousands of people to perform CPR in a 24-hour period. AMR doubled the number of people trained in compression-only CPR from last year with the assistance of National College of Technical Instruction EMS students, Portland Fire & Rescue, Clackamas County Fire District #1 and community volunteers.

The goal of the event was to save lives by encouraging bystanders to participate in compression-only CPR until EMS arrives. Compression-only CPR performed by a bystander can more than double the survival rate of a cardiac arrest victim.

Just before the CPR Challenge event, bystanders provided CPR on sudden cardiac arrest victims at the Portland Heart Walk, the Rock N Roll Marathon and a local fitness club. All the 'victims' survived to reach the hospital. "Training people to provide life-saving CPR is an important way AMR can make an impact in cardiac arrest survival in our communities", says Randy Lauer, AMR Oregon Operations General Manager.

AMR partnered with the following locations: Benson High School Buckman Field, Big Al's Bowling, Clackamas Community College, Clackamas County Public Services Building, Clackamas Town Center, Director's Park in Portland, Multnomah County Building, Multnomah Athletic Club, OMSI, Oregon State Office Building and Oregon Zoo.



LIFESAVING MEDAL

This award recognizes an EMT who makes an extremely noteworthy contribution to efforts that result in the saving of a life while in an off-duty or volunteer capacity.

This year's recipient:
Scott Brawner - Paramedic
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue



On May 9th, 2014, off-duty TVF&R firefighter Scott Brawner was working out at a Clackamas-area health club when he received an alert through the [PulsePoint app](#) on his cell phone that someone nearby was in cardiac arrest.

Using the map presented by the app, Scott immediately made his way to the reported patient location. In less than a minute, he found the unconscious man in the parking lot outside of the health club where a security guard had originally found him unresponsive and called 9-1-1. Scott immediately began hands-only CPR and continued providing chest compressions until paramedics from American Medical Response (AMR) and Clackamas Fire District #1 arrived to provide advanced care.

Scott downloaded the PulsePoint app when it was first launched by TVF&R just over one year ago. To date, over 7,000 subscribers have followed suit and downloaded this lifesaving technology. During one of his many media interviews in the days after the save, Scott stated, "As a firefighter I know that (for) every minute that passes without a cardiac arrest victim receiving resuscitation, the chances of that person surviving decreases (by) 10 percent. When the PulsePoint app alerted me, I just automatically responded, though I was later amazed by how well it all worked."

On Saturday, May 17th, at Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Oregon, Scott had the opportunity to meet the man he had saved just a week prior. His name is Mr. Drew Basse, a 57-year-old truck driver from Milwaukie, Oregon. Scott also met Drew's son Shane, 31, and daughter Staci, 27. It was an emotional meeting filled with gratitude and appreciation. Mr. Basse has since fully recovered, with no loss of cognitive function, due to CPR being administered quickly.



LIFESAVING MEDAL

This award recognizes an EMT who makes an extremely noteworthy contribution to efforts that result in the saving of a life while in an off-duty or volunteer capacity.

**This year's recipient:
Allen Teskey - Non-EMT Driver
Rager Emergency Services**



On May 21st, 2014, Mr. Allen Teskey was at a neighboring ranch branding calves alongside nearly twenty-five other people. An elderly gentleman was there who had roped and branded with the young men all day. The weather was perfect, the company was great and the job was completed without incident.

As it goes with all brandings, when you are finished branding, you eat. Everyone sat around enjoying the meal when that same elderly gentleman slumped over. Assuming he was choking, Allen immediately performed abdominal thrusts. With no response to the thrusts, Allen laid the man down and began chest compressions. Another cowboy provided two rescue breaths that went in without effort. The ranch had an AED and it was applied. No shock was advised, CPR continued. Another cowboy relieved Allen with more chest compressions, but even with his coaching Allen did not feel it was adequate so he took over the compressions again. All in all, CPR was performed for 8 minutes. Approximately 37 minutes after the initial 9-1-1 call, the elderly gentleman was in the recovery position talking and smiling. Allen assumed communications and stood down additional resources that were heading to the scene. He had also communicated with Life Flight regarding the landing zone.

Allen Teskey chooses to be a volunteer and he chooses to be the best he can be. The events of this incident were text-book perfect and an 85-year-old gentleman will get to rope at another branding because Allen Teskey cares.



EMS IMPACT AWARD

This award recognizes an individual who has made a substantial contribution to the Oregon Health Authority's effort to develop a statewide EMS system.

**This year's recipient:
Petar Hossick - Paramedic
Bend Fire Department**

Mr. Petar Hossick was born in Salem, Oregon. He studied at the University of Oregon, before transitioning into EMS. He has been with Bend Fire for the past 14 years and he is the department's 'go-to-guy' in all areas of EMS research application, EKG interpretation and cardiac arrest.

In his current capacity, Petar is charged with running the department's resuscitation quality assurance program. He gives feedback to every crew member on cardiac arrest resuscitations, providing them with the metrics of the resuscitations, emphasizing the positive areas and identifying areas of improvement. "Great job on that code guys" is the typical introduction to this feedback mechanism, reflective of Petar's positive, not punitive leadership style.

Under Petar's leadership and guidance, Bend Fire now participates in the CDC Cardiac Arrest Registry for Enhanced Survival (CARES) program. To that end, in 2012, he set up a training program within Bend Fire, teaching all crews high-performance CPR a full three years ahead of the new AHA guideline release. Petar's vision and mentorship of this program resulted in an astounding increase in the department's out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survival rate from 20%, in 2012, to 43%, in 2013. This tangible increase in lives saved is directly attributable to his efforts. Petar is a humble and team-playing leader who directly credits this success to the efforts of his brothers and sisters within Bend Fire.

Petar Hossick did not stop with improving resuscitation outcomes. Based on his front line experience, he recognized a need for a more judicious, yet safe, scientific application of spinal immobilization. To this resolve, he developed a selective spinal immobilization protocol within Bend Fire. Because of his efforts, more than 50% of the traumatically injured patients in his community no longer suffer needlessly on a long backboard.

His contributions are health and well-being of his



unparalleled and his dedication to the community is exceptional.

EMS EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR
GAIL MARSH MADSEN AWARD

The EMS Educator of the Year Award honors an EMS educator, either pre-service or in-service, who excels as a teacher or who has made a significant contribution to the EMS education program in Oregon.

**This year's recipient:
Gary Heigel - Paramedic
Rogue Community College**

Mr. Gary Heigel has been a practicing paramedic for 30 years. He obtained his initial paramedic education in Oregon, then did his internship. He practiced in busy Oakland, California before moving to Southern Oregon where he has worked in a variety of roles with several ambulance agencies in both Jackson and Josephine Counties. Seven years ago, after almost twenty years of ongoing interest and experience in EMS education, he became Department Chair of Emergency Services at Rogue Community College.

During his tenure at Rogue Community College, Mr. Heigel has administered EMS provider education and guidance at campuses in both Jackson and Josephine Counties. In addition to providing initial EMS education at the EMT, AEMT and Paramedic levels, he has developed and expanded EMS provider curriculums. He has also been active in the Oregon State EMS Education Consortium by providing expertise to state government. Mr. Heigel has organized ACLS, PALS and re-licensure education for local EMS providers and assisted the Jackson County Supervising Physician in the development of standing orders. Additionally, he has helped plan and produce the annual State of Jefferson EMS Conferences. Mr. Heigel has been instrumental in acquiring cutting edge technology for use in EMS education as well as integrating the Fire Science and EMS departments into one Emergency Services department in order to serve the students and community better. Most recently, Mr. Heigel oversaw the very successful project of obtaining CoAEMSP accreditation for the EMS Professions Program at Rogue Community College.



CIVILIAN SERVICE MEDAL

The Civilian Service Medal recognizes a civilian who provides extraordinary service during the course of an EMS emergency.

This year's recipients:

Matthew Young, Dustin Fling and Anthony Bushaw

On December 6th, 2013 at approximately 12:15 p.m., a single-vehicle traffic crash occurred off Highway 30, near Milepost 73, where a vehicle overturned in water. Conditions were treacherous, with snow and ice on the roadways, when three men went into the frigid water to save their co-worker who was secured inside the vehicle by a safety belt. Dustin Fling dove underwater and used a knife to cut the safety belt. The victim was pulled out of the vehicle and onto the ground with the help of Anthony Bushaw and Matthew Young. The victim became unresponsive and these men performed CPR until they were relieved by medical personnel. Sadly, the victim died.



Matthew Young

Anthony Bushaw – not pic-

Dustin Fling – not pictured

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This year's recipient:
John Crow



On January 19th, 2014 at 3:30 a.m., John Crow was traveling eastbound on Highway 58 through the mountains when he spotted taillights down in a ravine. He was unable to receive a cell phone signal to call 9-1-1, so he descended the ravine to investigate the incident. Upon arriving at the crash site he found Mr. Mark Thompson severely injured and unable to exit the vehicle.

During questioning, it was discovered that Mr. Thompson had been stuck in the vehicle for approximately two hours. The

temperature was nearly 18 degrees and Mr. Thompson was at risk for hypothermia. John employed the fireman's carry to transport Mr. Thompson out of the ravine and into John's vehicle. Driving eastbound, he was eventually able to obtain a cell phone signal and meet up with the Crescent Rural Fire Department.

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The EMS Administrator of the Year award recognizes an EMS system administrator who has distinguished themselves through noteworthy contribution to a local, regional or the statewide EMS system.

This year's recipient:

Eric Swanson

Adventist Health - Tillamook Regional Medical Center

For over two decades, Mr. Eric Swanson has provided EMS leadership to the North Oregon Coast and currently serves as the EMS Director for Adventist Health -Tillamook Regional Medical Center, which is the largest hospital-based ambulance service in the state. Eric has shaped, inspired, and guided EMS providers to a higher level of health care in mission, service excellence and collaborative delivery of care. Mr. Swanson is a relentless champion of patient focus and excellence in EMS.

As a leader, Eric continually works to create an environment where pre-hospital care providers can thrive and reach their maximum potential while providing the highest level of care. These efforts have not gone unnoticed. The ambulance service has taken top honors in two community perception surveys for health care.

In addition to his position as EMS Director, Eric serves as the Director for Diagnostic Imaging, Laboratory Services and Emergency Preparedness. He has also served as the Medical Center's Safety Director, the Chair of the Patient Experience Council and as a founding member of the Adventist Health Corporate Service Excellence Committee. Pivotal to the success of Adventist Health, Eric currently supervises eighty employees, at nine locations, in two counties.

Despite a full workload, Eric commits to working shifts each month as a Paramedic. As a 40-year resident of Tillamook County, he frequently has the honor of caring for his friends and neighbors – “the best job in the world”.

Mr. Eric Swanson believes in giving back to his community, and does this by serving as the Commander of the Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit. This year marks Eric's 26th year in law enforcement where he has provided thousands of hours of patrol time to keep his community safe.

Eric's commitment to the EMS profession for all of us to follow.

excellence and dedication to provides a sterling example



*Tillamook Regional
Medical Center*

EMS COMMITMENT TO QUALITY AWARD

The EMS Commitment to Quality Award Honors an EMS system, EMS agency or EMS provider who has demonstrated commitment to the principles of quality improvement, customer service and excellence in EMS.

**This year's recipient:
William "Bill" Lang - Paramedic
American Medical Response**

William "Bill" Lang, Lead Paramedic, led the development of a comprehensive Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) program at AMR. The combination of Bill's passion for CISM, hours of his own time and perseverance were the catalysts that pushed the project forward. The CISM Program has all of the best practice components and will serve AMR EMS providers in Oregon and SW Washington. The curriculum is modeled after the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation.

Features of AMR's CISM Program include:

- Oversight by a Mental Health Professional (MHP)
- Availability of Peer Counselors (PCs) nominated by co-workers
- Accessibility to Rapid Diffusing and Counseling credentialed, confidential and voluntary

Bill coordinated the selection process of fourteen new Peer Counselors, an important program component. New Peer Counselors (PCs) completed a 16-hour training to prepare them to facilitate rapid, on-duty defusing with employees who experience a critical incident. During a defusing, issues generated by the incident can be identified wherein information and resources can be shared. AMR's PCs will provide important 'emotional first aid' to their coworkers and refer individuals to an MHP as needed.

The Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Program is fully operational and has been activated, wherein, specially trained Peer Counselors (PCs) provide emotional first aid (Diffusing) to AMR EMS providers following critical incidents.



PROVIDER OF THE YEAR AWARD – PARAMEDIC

The EMS Provider of the Year Award honors an individual EMR, EMT, AEMT, EMT-I and/or Paramedic of whom displays exemplary dedication in his or her quality of patient care and service to their community.

**This year's recipient:
Steve Troute - Paramedic
American Medical Response**

Mr. Steve Troute, Lead Paramedic, is celebrating the 41st year of his Oregon EMS career. He began his ambulance career March 12th, 1973, with Buck Ambulance and has worked for AMR and predecessor companies since that time. He also served as an Airborne Medic in the US Army from 1970-1971.

During Steve's long career in EMS, he has served as a Paramedic, Lead Paramedic, Reach and Treat Paramedic and Field Training Officer. Many Buck/AMR paramedics have been mentored and trained by him, and have enhanced their own quality of patient care under his tutelage. Steve has enriched clinical excellence by being certified as an American Heart Association Instructor in Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), Basic Life Support (BLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS).

Steve is also dedicated to the well-being of his community in Estacada, Oregon. He is a volunteer with the Estacada Rural Fire District where he serves as a Paramedic/Engineer and has done so for much of his EMS career.

When asked about his best career moments, Steve elaborates on delivering four babies in the field, having many field cardiac arrest saves and enjoying serving the public every day. He says, "I love what I do because it makes a difference."

Steve Troute currently works as a Lead Paramedic in Multnomah County. He is an avid runner who just finished his 39th marathon in San Francisco and is already looking forward to his next marathon.



EMS UNIT CITATION

The EMS Unit Citation recognizes the department's organization, specialized teams and expert first responders in providing emergency pre-hospital care under extreme circumstances.

Banks Fire Department

Capt. Paramedic Mark Hornshuh R-13, Lieutenant EMT David Senz R-13,
FF First Responder Jake Wren R-13, FF EMT Devin Waddington R-13,
Lieutenant Paramedic Scott Coussens E-13, FF First Responder Jeremy Sennett E-13,
FF EMT Jason Clink E-13, FF EMT Kyle Douglas E-13

On Friday, September 20th, 2013, at approximately 16:20, Banks Rescue 13 was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident on Highway 47, near Nowakowski Road. Upon arrival the crew of Rescue 13 found a van over a vertical ledge approximately 40-feet below the highway.

Captain Mark Hornshuh directed Lieutenant David Senz to establish command and assigned himself as medical branch. Captain Hornshuh descended the embankment and accessed the patient. The 45-year-old, 300 lb. patient was trapped in the vehicle, conscious and disoriented. Engine 13 was dispatched to assist. Upon the arrival of Engine 13, a plan was devised to extricate the occupant of the vehicle. Due to steep terrain, the rescuers deployed a rope system to lower themselves and their hydraulic rescue tools to the vehicle.

As they descended, it was necessary to cut and clear trees in order to create a straight line for the eventual ascent of the patient. The extrication team was presented with many unique challenges, including the removal of several more trees that had pinned the vehicle above a running creek. Within minutes, the team implemented its plan to remove the roof of the vehicle while spinal immobilization of the patient took place inside the vehicle. At the same time a rope haul system was deployed from the edge of the highway to facilitate lifting the patient back to the road.

The stabilized patient was then strapped into a stokes basket and hoisted along with three rescuers by the haul team back to the edge of the highway. Total extrication time was less than 60 minutes. The patient was transported as a trauma system entry by Metro West Ambulance and eventually made a full recovery from his injuries.



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Ash Grove Cement Accident

Ash Grove Cement EMRs - Travis Young, Rich Stout, Steve Unger, Luke Folke, Chris Barrett, Rick Bulow, Josh Frieboes, Pat Flanagan, and Chuck Staten.

Baker City Fire / Rescue - Don Taggart, EMT-P; Tom Everson, EMT-I; Travis Fields, EMT-P.

Life Flight Network - Chris Eledge, RN, CFRN; Eric Kincaid, EMT-P, CCEMT-P; Evan Wagenaar, Pilot.

On May 27th, 2014, there was a major incident at Ash Grove Cement, south of Baker City, Oregon. This accident involved a 35-year-old Spanish-speaking man that was pinned underneath a 7000 lb. Compactor/Roller. Mr. Chuck Staten and his highly trained group of EMRs worked together to provide care for this individual while others on the team worked to lift the compactor safely off of the patient. Chuck quickly requested the assistance of Baker City EMS and, due to the severity of the patient's injuries, requested that Life Flight Network send an Air Medical Helicopter to his location.

Mr. Don Taggart, EMT-P, arrived with Baker City EMS and continued to work with the EMRs on scene to stabilize the patient. The team was prepared for possible hypotension and shock of the patient due to his extensive pelvic and lower abdominal trauma. Each team member worked within his scope of practice to provide optimal care for this patient.

Life Flight Network arrived on scene and continued to work side by side with the EMRs from Ash Grove Cement and the EMTs from Baker City EMS to stabilize and package the patient for transport to the closest trauma center in Boise, Idaho.

Due to expert critical thinking, the appropriate resources were requested for this incident in a timely manner. Team members fulfilled their rolls competently in this incident and as a result, this patient received optimal care in an emergent situation. In a short period of time this patient had IVs started, received pain medication, was immobilized, had a pelvic binder placed, was sedated and intubated. Due to the excellent work of this team of providers, the patient arrived at the trauma center with stable vital signs.



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Astoria Public Works Accident Astoria Public Works Department, Astoria Fire and Medix Ambulance

Astoria Fire Department

Lt. Bob Johnson - Paramedic
Levi Hammond - AEMT
Tom Jaworski - EMT
Beau Santjer - AEMT
Mark Truax - EMT

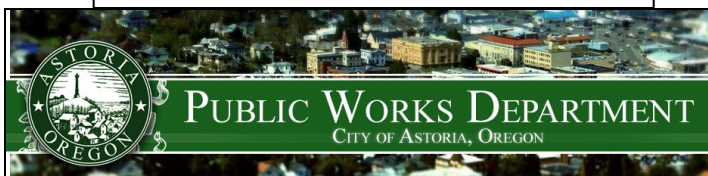
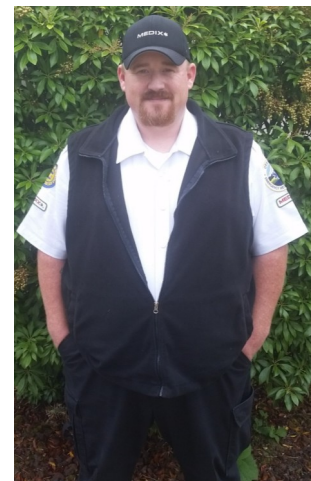
Astoria Public Works

Brett Stevens
Brook Brenden
Chuck Higgins

Medix Ambulance

Robin Scholtz - Paramedic
Jeremy MacDonald - EMT

On September 4th, 2013, Mr. Carl "Ole" Gifford was on the job as part of a City of Astoria Public Works crew. He was in a trench cutting a 10-inch diameter pipe when his machine kicked back and hit him in the lower anterior neck cutting into underlying structures, including the trachea. His trachea was almost completely severed. He also sustained lacerations to his chest and neck, just missing major blood vessels. Mr. Gifford was in a 10-foot-deep trench with dirt walls and was bleeding heavily with no loss of consciousness. He was able to speak with mild difficulty; this was positional in relation to his head. As long as he kept his head forward bleeding slowed, breathing was better, and Mr. Gifford could speak. He was treated and placed on a long backboard then extricated from the trench by personnel from Medix Ambulance, Astoria Fire, and Astoria Public Works. Once removed, Mr. Gifford was then repositioned on the backboard and he took over his own direct pressure on his neck while being placed on the gurney and into the ambulance. He was transported to Columbia Memorial Hospital and then transferred directly to a Legacy Emanuel Medical Center Operating Room.



Medal of Valor

This award recognizes acts of personal valor and heroism in the delivery of emergency medical care and of good judgment resulting in the saving of a life under extreme conditions and in extraordinary circumstances.

Luke Barr - Paramedic Salem Fire Department



On the evening of May 1st, 2014, off-duty Salem Fire-fighter/Paramedic Mr. Luke Barr was headed to his residence in Albany when he noticed a working house fire. As Luke approached the front door a bystander was knocking with no response. Luke forced the door open and was met by a wall of thick black smoke and heat that was only a few feet off the floor. Luke made his way into the house without any protective equipment searching for possible victims. He worked his way down the hall to a bedroom that was on fire and noticed a victim inside the room. Luke attempted to remove her from the room, but needed to find something to put the fire on her out. As he was returning to the living room he encountered another victim stumbling around in the smoke. Luke removed that victim and went back inside the residence with an entry mat to extinguish the fire on the first victim. He

extinguished the fire on the victim and began to remove her from the house. He was unable to complete this task on his own and left the structure to find some assistance. Luke and another bystander re-entered the structure in a final attempt to remove the victim. With the fire growing in size Luke and the bystander made an attempt to grab the woman. They were unable to get her out of the house before they had to exit the structure due to the intense heat and smoke. Albany Fire Department arrived on scene a few minutes later. He informed them where the victim was and her condition. Luke drove himself to the emergency room and was treated for burns to his arm, skull, and back. He missed a couple of weeks of work.



EMS CROSS

The EMS Cross honors an EMT who by act or deed represents the most outstanding achievement in EMS over an extended period of time. This is the highest award that can be bestowed in the absence of extreme conditions and extraordinary circumstances.

This year's recipient:

Suzann Schmidt - Paramedic
Oregon Health & Science University - OIT



Suzann Schmidt, BA, Paramedic, has a long history of involvement with EMS services and providers in Oregon since becoming an EMT in 1978.

Suzann graduated from OHSU's Paramedic program in 1980. Thereafter, she practiced her profession in several Southern Oregon locations, including Rogue and Medford ambulance services. Then she continued with Jackson County Fire District #3 where she was promoted from Firefighter/Paramedic to EMS Coordinator.

Her formal instructional experience began as an EMT instructor with Rogue Community College in 1989 and continued as an instructor, and EMS Education Coordinator, with Oregon Health & Science

University in 1993. In 2000, Suzann became Program Director of the Oregon Institute of Technology's Paramedic Education Program. Twelve years later, she was given the title of Curriculum and Clinical Coordinator of the program. In her years at OHSU and OIT, she helped train and administer the education of over 600 Paramedics. Through this she influenced the care of hundreds of thousands of lives each of those Paramedics have touched. Graduates of the OHSU-OIT program are highly respected, scattered across Oregon and the globe, and many hold EMS leadership positions.

While busy with all this, Suzann Schmidt was an active member of the State Trauma Advisory Board and the Oregon Medical Board EMT Advisory Committee. She chaired the State EMS Subcommittee on Certification and Discipline, and was also recently appointed to the position of Team Captain of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for EMS Professions. Her activities on boards and committees have led to better patient care, quality education and advocacy for the EMS profession.



DIRECTOR'S MEDAL

The Director's Medal recognizes an individual who is particularly noteworthy and who has substantially contributed to the EMS system in the State of Oregon.

**This year's recipient:
Sander "Sandy" Logan - Paramedic
American Medical Response**



This year, Mr. Sander "Sandy" Logan, EMT-Paramedic will celebrate 39 years of service with AMR and its predecessor company Buck Ambulance.

Sandy became an EMT-Basic in 1975 while in the Coast Guard. Of his 39 years of service in EMS, 36 years have been spent with AMR/Buck Ambulance.

Throughout his tenure, Sandy has served as Paramedic, Lead Paramedic, Field Training Officer, EMS Supervisor, Reach and Treat Team member, CPR Instructor, Honor Guard member and State Certifying Officer.

Currently Sandy is relief EMS Supervisor and Lead Paramedic at AMR's Clackamas County Operations. He also serves as the most tenured member of AMR's Honor Guard Team. In 2010 Sandy attended a national training course for Honor Guard Members and currently guides fellow team members on policies and procedures based on those national standards.

When asked what his best memory of his 39-year career is, he fondly recalls the time he delivered twins in the back of an the ambulance in 1975.

Mr. Sander "Sandy" Logan remains one of the most energetic and enthusiastic individuals on AMR's team.



DIRECTOR'S MEDAL

The Director's Medal recognizes an individual who is particularly noteworthy and who has substantially contributed to the EMS system in the State of Oregon.

This year's recipient:

Sherry Holliday - EMT

Southern Wasco County Ambulance

Southern Wasco County Ambulance Service



Southern Wasco County proud to have had 34 years. She began her 1979 as an EMT, and She was assured it would be apparent that the and up to date with almost a full-time job.

During her ambulance public service by

years and then Wasco County Commissioner for 10 years. Sherry was the first female in each of those roles. She helped to write the original Ambulance Service Area (ASA) plan for the county and, years later, helped to rewrite it. She was also instrumental in getting Deschutes River guides trained for emergency situations and when to call EMS. She was instrumental in helping Pine Hollow become a district and a transporting agency.

SWCA has encompassed over 100 square miles of territory including parts of National Forest Lane, High Desert, and Deschutes River. Having an all volunteer staff means that everyone has another job to do and sacrifices time away from family and other responsibilities to be a member. They never know when they will get a call and understand that most transports involve three hours away from home. Sherry became very adept at managing the all-volunteer staff saying, "Guiding EMT newbies is like trying to herd cats." She and the staff became part of a second family where emergency situations bond people in a unique way. Sherry has always been the steady, reliable manager who "has your back" and who you could contact for any problem. Her expertise, advice and diplomacy has helped on many occasions.

Sherry Holliday is one of those individuals who steps in to do a job and then becomes the job. She became synonymous with Southern Wasco County Ambulance.

Captain Scott O'Grady said, that mattered or the rec-depth of commitment, your devotion--these were the

Ambulance Service (SWCA) is Sherry Holliday as its director for service with this volunteer agency in within a year, she became secretary. only be a few hours a week, but it burden of keeping an agency solvent changing requirements became

secretary tenure, Sherry furthered her becoming Maupin's mayor for 13

regarding Sherry, "It wasn't the reward oognition you might harvest. It was your quality of service, the product of your things that counted in life."



YEARS OF SERVICE

10 Years

Milton-Freewater Rural Fire Department

Sarah Gilmore — EMT

David Fesler — EMT

Metro West Ambulance

Susan Norman — Paramedic

Donald Thomas — Paramedic

John Scott Hardman — Paramedic

Geoffrey Mathia — Paramedic

Christopher Pfingsten — Paramedic

Blue Mountain Hospital Ambulance

Mary Vargas — EMT-Intermediate

15 Years

Milton-Freewater Rural Fire Department

Ray Hall — EMT

Dean Ward — Paramedic

Metro West Ambulance

Sheri Snyder — Paramedic

Jason Rogers — Paramedic

Blue Mountain Hospital Ambulance

Heather Riggs — EMT

Debbie Cole — EMT

Carrie Jewell — EMT

Rose Howe — EMT

Morrow County Health District

Vickie Kewt — EMT-Intermediate

Richard Kent — EMT-Intermediate

Sandra Patton — EMT

Peggy Lauritsen — EMT

Shannon Boor — EMT-Intermediate

YEARS OF SERVICE

20 Years

Metro West Ambulance

Greg Sorensen — Paramedic

Morrow County Health District

Diana Grant — EMT

William Ellis — EMT

Gregory Close — EMT-Intermediate

Harvey Childers — EMT

25 Years

Metro West Ambulance

Llewellyn Lloyd — Paramedic

Blue Mountain Hospital Ambulance

Linda Pettyjohn — EMT

Myla Corley — EMT

Dave Dorschner — EMT-Intermediate

Morrow County Health District

Steve Myren — EMT-Intermediate

Charlie Sumner — EMT-Intermediate

Delia Robinson — EMT-Intermediate

Russell Estes — EMT

YEARS OF SERVICE

30 Years

Milton-Freewater Rural Fire Department

Rick Sager — EMT

Louie Heidenrich — EMT-Intermediate

Blue Mountain Hospital Ambulance

Amy Kreger — EMT

Diane Browning — EMT-Intermediate

Morrow County Health District

Carl Lauritsen—Paramedic

Unaffiliated

Jeanne Plummer — Paramedic

35 Years

American Medical Response

Sander Logan — Paramedic

Pennie Miller — EMT-Intermediate

