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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 2015 EMS Awards Program *Book of Recognition* memorializes the recipients of EMS program awards during the award cycle of June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015. 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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LAST CALL

David M. Jones - EMT

South Gilliam County Ambulance Service

Jason Anteau - EMT

Hermiston Fire Department

Jeffrey Barnwell - EMT

Metro West Ambulance

Katie Marical - EMT / 911 Dispatcher

American Medical Response

Ken Taylor - Dispatcher

American Medical Response

Rodney Shay - EMR

Pleasant Valley Fire Department

Steve Revier - Paramedic

American Medical Response

Thomas Weiss - Paramedic

Winston-Dillard Fire District

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:
Mike Sahlberg - Paramedic
Medix Ambulance



Mike Sahlberg has been a Paramedic with Medix Ambulance since August 2004 and has been a Field Training Officer for Medix since 2008. Mike has been instrumental in implementing, developing and serving as Chairman of Safe Kids Chapter in Clatsop County. He is a certified Car Seat Technician and conducts Car Seat Clinics throughout the county. Mike contributes to the Medix training

program, which serves the needs of Medix by instructing classes and in services for new drugs, equipment and procedures that help the EMTs and Paramedics working at Medix obtain enough continuing education hours to maintain their license requirements. As an American Heart Association Instructor Mike conducts or arranges all necessary CPR training for students and staff at Tonuge Point Job Corp. Last year a staff member survived cardiac arrest with CPR and AED used by staff that Mike had instructed. He also assists the local fire departments with any training needs they may have from a prehospital point of view. Mike also is an instructor at Columbia Memorial Hospital. On what spare time Mike has left, he also serves as a member of the Medix Protocol Review Committee. Mike is exactly what you would want from an employee educator and community member; dedicated, committed, prepared and energetic about the success of his students and the organization he represents. Mike Sahlberg is an excellent candidate to be named as Oregon's EMS Community Service Award recipient.



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:

Clackamas County EMS Trainer's Group

Steve Heisel - Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue; Justin Colvin - Clackamas County Fire District #1; Tina Beeler - American Medical Response; Steve Dehart - Lake Oswego Fire Department.



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The Clackamas County EMS Consortium EMS Trainers Group was established in 2005 by passionate EMS Trainers from AMR Clackamas, Lake Oswego Fire, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, and Clackamas Fire District #1. The Mission and Vision of the Trainers Group is “Provide the Tools that Save Lives” - to continuously identify EMS response needs while developing and providing EMS system enhancement through education, training, communications, and crew-level professionalism. As a result, crews from various agencies work as a singular team focused on improving patient outcomes. Educational topics are developed and produced at no cost to EMS response agencies, and information and training materials are shared across the state in an effort to help all EMS personnel obtain needed education.

A list of some of the group’s accomplishments includes:

- Developed, acquired funding, and distributed the 2015 “EMS Transitional” program for EMS providers in Oregon.
- Developed and produced the “EMT-Intermediate-In-A-Box” learning series and provided the program across Oregon.
- Organized and continues to support inter-agency communications, networking, education, and cooperation in Clackamas County and neighboring counties.
- Incorporated cutting edge medical philosophies and practices into biannual Multi-Agency Training symposiums.
- Virtually eliminated on-scene conflict through inter-agency communication programs and teaching Crew Resource Management.
- Helped double cardiac arrest survival rates through coordinated training programs.
- Replaced the annual EMS in-service with distance educational video-based programs (saving more than \$250,000 per year in costs).
- Improved bariatric patient safety and provider injury reduction through specialized training, lifting techniques, and equipment acquisition.
- Coordinated training with EMS protocol changes to improve new protocol implementation.

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:
Stephen Miller - EMT
Mollala Fire District



On September 25th, 2014, Steve Miller, a volunteer EMT Firefighter with the Molalla Fire District was on his day off from the Clackamas County Sherriff's Office working the first-aid station at the Pacific Logging Conference. This is an event designed for hundreds of high school students to experience the logging industry. The event was held on Port Blakely forest land several miles south of Molalla. At approximately 2:00 pm

staff came to him on a four-wheeler telling him that someone was in cardiac arrest.

Steve radioed C-Com to report the situation and determine the best access road to the location. He then grabbed the AED and drove approximately one quarter mile to reach the patient. On his arrival he found bystanders performing CPR on a male patient so he attached the AED. With a "Shock advised" message, he delivered the shock and instructed bystanders to continue CPR. After reassessing vitals, he found a strong pulse and the patient began moving and complaining of pain. He continued to monitor the patient until Molalla ALS crews arrived to transport the patient to the landing zone.

On November 13th, 2015, Steve met his patient, 53 year old Tim Ellis, his family and the bystanders who performed the initial CPR. The Life Flight crew and the ALS medic crew were also on hand to meet Mr. Ellis. The immediate CPR, Steve's quick actions using the AED and continual patient assessment, along with Port Blakely Tree Farm having plans in place for this type of emergency is the reason Mr. Ellis is alive today.

Steve was at this event donating his own time in order to be there in case something like this happened. His unselfish actions and sense of duty saved a man's life.



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:

Rick Derby

Newport Fire Department

Shyla Luckini - EMR

Toledo Fire Department



It was the first day of school at the Eddyville School in rural Lincoln County. The sun was shining on a perfect late summer day. After lunch a group of kids had gone outside to play basketball. Shyla Luckini and Rick Derby, the school bus driver had just arrived to pick up the volleyball team for their first match of the year. Suddenly a student came running into the office saying that someone had collapsed on the basketball court and he was not breathing. Shyla, who is a



volunteer firefighter/EMR with Toledo Fire and Rick, who is the chaplain for Newport Fire, grabbed the AED from the office and ran to the back of the school where they found a 13 year old boy lying on the basketball court pulseless and apneic. After a quick evaluation they applied the AED and began CPR. For the next 15 minutes they continued CPR shocking the patient a total of 5 times. Upon arrival of the first fire unit they had just shocked him for the 5th time and he was now breathing and had a palpated BP of 90. The patient was quickly

packaged and loaded onto a waiting helicopter and flown to Portland where he made a full recovery. We know that the key to surviving cardiac arrest is immediate CPR as soon as possible. Due to the remote location of the school it took Toledo Fire and Pacific West Ambulance 17 minutes to get on scene. If not for Rick and Shyla doing CPR the entire time the outcome would have been very different.



CIVILIAN SERVICE MEDAL

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

**This year's recipient:
Michael Cravinho**



On August 27, 2014 Dennis "Oscar" Andrews was working as a bartender at Gaffers Fish & Chips on SW Pacific Hwy in Portland, OR when he collapsed to the ground and went into Cardiac Arrest. No effective CPR was immediately started. Michael Cravinho, who works for the State of Oregon Lottery came into Gaffers, one of his regular accounts to deliver lottery material. Michael saw Oscar had collapsed. He quickly determined that no effective CPR was being done and took over the situation. He asked for 911 to be called and immediately began effective one-person CPR. After several minutes he asked to switch with a bystander. It became apparent to Mr. Cravinho that the CPR that was being performed by his relief was

ineffective. Mr. Cravinho resumed CPR even though he was nearing exhaustion. Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue arrived on scene and assumed care of the patient and they were able to establish ROSC (Return to Spontaneous Circulation). Medics took over CPR and were able to determine Mr. Andrews had gone into Ventricular Tachycardia. Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue was able to defibrillate Oscar into a perfusing rhythm. A 12 lead EKG indicated an acute MI. Paramedics on scene quickly attributed the survival of Oscar to Mr. Cravinho's efforts. The patient was rapidly transported to St. Vincent's Hospital where he was treated. He survived to discharge and was 100% neurologically intact. The American Heart Association teaches CPR to bystanders for just such an emergency, The State of Oregon and the lottery should be proud of a dedicated worker like Mr. Cravinho.

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:
David Long - EMT-Intermediate**

David Long has been instrumental in facilitating and providing leadership to Oregon's EMS system through management and education attributes for almost 30 years. David's history in Oregon EMS is extensive. In 1981 David became the State EMS Director/Training Officer. He and Roger Fox traveled throughout the state visiting almost every agency; listening and meeting with the providers to see how they could better serve them. In 1984 he became the Life Flight Director/Trauma Department Administrator at Emanuel



Hospital. As the Director of the American Hospital Association he worked on negotiated rule making for hospitals, coming up with the "Frontier, Rural, Metropolitan, and Urban" models for hospital reimbursements now widely used by Medicare. Mr. Long now serves as the Executive Director of the Oregon Research and Education Foundation (OREF) supporting education for EMS providers throughout Oregon. Most notably in this capacity, Mr. Long has led the administrative section of the annual Oregon EMS Conference for almost two decades. He has arranged the venue, managed the conference finances, overseen the registration process, arranged outside funding, and supported the conference's success. Through OREF, Mr. Long has assisted a number of other EMS provider education events where his skills and services are needed. He has been involved with and moved forward many components of today's Oregon's EMS programs.

**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:
Dave Schappe - Paramedic**

National College of Technical Instruction/ American Medical Response



Dave Schappe, Director of Instruction, National College of Technical Instruction (NCTI), started his EMS career in 1996 as a lab assistant and exam proctor for Portland Community College, and then joined AMR as a paramedic in 1998. With a BA in Economics and a passion for teaching, Dave soon became a Field Training Officer in 2001 and served in that role for six years. In 2007 he became a full-time educator with the College of Emergency Services (CES), a non-profit instructional organization now managed by AMR's NCTI. Dave took a program with a negative reputation, lacking educational equipment and rationale curricula, secured a new 7,000 square foot training facility and completely re-wrote curricula and processes. He resuscitated the

program and quadrupled enrollment within two years. Dave led the laborious process to achieve ABHES accreditation in 2014, the gold standard for EMS education. Now, operated by NCTI, the college has a 97% pass rate for paramedic licensure and has trained nearly 1,000 paramedics and EMTs. Mr. Schappe is a member of the Oregon State EMS Educators Consortium and the Clark County Trauma Council, and formerly served on the Tri-County Protocol and CQI Committees. He serves as Regional Faculty for the American Heart Association and is a certified instructor in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS and PEPP),

Emergency Vehicle Operations and Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS). Dave's passion for education mirrors the same passion and drive possessed by Gail Madsen, for whom this Award is named. He took a struggling college and turned it into one of the preeminent EMS education programs in the region. He provided a thousand Paramedics and EMTs with the foundation to be successful in EMS, and is most deserving of this award.



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:
Matt Smith - Paramedic
Crook County Fire & Rescue



Matt Smith has 18 years of experience with Crook County Fire and Rescue at all levels of the organization and is currently the Fire Chief. He started with Crook County as a volunteer 1997 and became a paramedic in 2000. Chief Smith has helped integrate the District's mission statement into daily operations and the budget. He is passionate about fulfilling the District's role in the community and building relationships with partner public agencies. Chief Smith believes that the foundation of a successful organization is a positive organizational culture. He is an exceptional leader and his continued efforts to build and support quality EMS in Central Oregon do not go unrecognized. Chief Smith invites other fire departments to the Crook County Fire and Rescue trainings so that they can keep current on their skills by obtaining continuing education, as well as providing knowledgeable staff to answer questions and collaboration on operation procedures. Chief Smith always encourages his staff to treat all agencies, either volunteer or paid, as extensions of the team. Chief Smith's message to all agencies is that they are a viable and necessary part of the EMS system for Crook County and are treated with utmost respect. He represents the attitude and professionalism that every EMS agency should strive for.



MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The EMS Medical Director of the Year Award honors a physician who serves or has served the EMS system by providing medical direction, on-line or off-line, and who has served with distinction.

This year's recipient:
Paul Rostykus, MD
Jackson County EMS



Paul Rostykus, MD, MPH, has been an Oregon EMS Supervising Physician in Jackson County for more than 20 years and is very active in EMS at a local, state, and national level. In Jackson County, Dr. Rostykus provides medical direction for 12 Fire and EMS agencies, with three of those providing ALS transport, and is also the Medical Director for the Emergency Services Department at Rogue Community College. He helped to create, and continues to take an active role in the State of Jefferson EMS Conference in Southern Oregon, an annual event that provides much needed EMS continuing education in the region. At the state level, he served on the EMT Advisory Committee of the Oregon Medical Board from 2003-2009 and is a current member of the

Oregon State EMS Committee. He was the driving force behind the creation of the Supervising Physician Forum in Oregon, a semi-annual event that now includes pre-hospital managers as well. On the national level, he is an active member of the NAEMSP, the current president of the Oregon Chapter, and the Program Chair for the NAEMSP Annual Conference. He is also a co-investigator with the PNW Heart Rescue Project and is actively promoting and improving the use of high-performance CPR throughout the Northwest. Dr. Rostykus is an affiliate assistant professor of Emergency Medicine at OHSU and was among the initial group of physicians who obtained EMS subspecialty certification in October, 2013. Dr. Rostykus has spent over 20 years actively working to support and improve pre-hospital care. His approach is open and collaborative and all EMS providers are welcomed and encouraged to participate. The result in Jackson County is a well-coordinated EMS system with protocols that reflect sound medical practice and current research and evidence.

PROVIDER OF THE YEAR AWARD – Advanced EMT

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:
Kieran Henthorn - AEMT
Metro West Ambulance

Kieran is a full time Advanced EMT and supervisor with Metro West Ambulance, volunteer with Vernonia Volunteer Association Ambulance and volunteer with Molalla Fire Department. Kieran is driven by a strong compassion, and he has mastered the near impossible ability of reacting to that compassion with skill. It isn't enough to be good, and it isn't enough to be passionate. You need a healthy combination of both to truly be successful in EMS. What makes



Kieran worthy of our respect and recognition is his ability to perform under pressure and still be human enough and vulnerable enough to remember to make the small gestures that we all forget. To remember, for all the protocols we apply and for all the emotions we hide, we are here to do two things better than anyone else; care for people in places no one else can, and in a way no one else can. This is a skill that Kieran demonstrates on daily basis whether handling administrative duties, supervisory duties, or providing compassionate care to his patients. His demeanor, skill, and compassion deserve a high level of recognition, not just from our agency, but from other agencies in the county and state that he loyally and skillfully serves. These are but a few reasons Kieran deserves the recognition of Advanced EMT of the year.



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:
Florence "Flo" Lennox - Paramedic
Metro West Ambulance



Over the past 7 years, Flo Lennox has served as a full-time Senior Paramedic for Metro West Ambulance. Flo has also served as a preceptor for multiple students from colleges, high school programs and nursing schools. Flo has a deep belief that "each of us can make a difference in someone's life", whether administering aid in an emergency, training and teaching, or volunteering in our community. In addition to working as a Paramedic, she is a member of Metro West Ambulance Safety Committee, an active Volunteer for Vernonia Volunteer Ambulance Association, and leader in

the Oregon Girl Scout community. Through Flo's volunteer work either with Vernonia or the Girl Scouts, Flo has donated over 69 quilts to Doernbecher's Hospital, taught CPR, First Aid, and babysitting classes to young girls, and serves the homeless during the holiday seasons. Flo heads the fund raising/social committee for Vernonia Ambulance, and has raised countless dollars to fund the ambulance association and, dedicates over 400 hours a year to the rural community of Vernonia. These are but a few things that Flo has done for EMS and the community. To demonstrate her dedication to service, attitude, integrity, and the community, above and beyond the call of duty, let me add that Flo was diagnosed with cancer in September of 2014. She started her chemo and radiation in mid-November but continued to teach her scouts and volunteer services to Vernonia Ambulance Association. Flo has recently uniform back on, as she is strong loves. Lovingly known as 'Mama friends, co-workers, fellow troops, are all happy to see her



been able to put her paramedic enough to return to the field she Flo", as she is known to her responders, and Girl Scout winning her battle with cancer.

Meritorious Service Medal

The Meritorious Service Award recognizes an individual for a particular act of meritorious service in EMS.

This year's recipient:
Brian Henrichs - Paramedic
Trevin Sundbaum - Paramedic
American Medical Response



On March 25, 2015, AMR Multnomah County Paramedics Brian Henrichs and Trevin Sundbaum were leaving Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital in NW Portland when they observed a car stopped in the street and a confrontation between a very upset woman with a young child, and a man. The woman screamed for someone to call 9-1-1 and the



man left the vicinity. The mother told the paramedics she had been walking with her son when the man insisted that the boy was his sister's son and he pushed the mother to ground. "We immediately asked for police," said Sundbaum. Portland Police arrived, and with the Paramedic's assistance and their description, the suspect was arrested and charged with attempted kidnapping. The mother later told KOIN 6 TV that she wanted to thank the Good Samaritans, including the AMR Paramedics, who stepped in to help protect her son. Portland Police Bureau wrote a Commendation for the AMR Paramedics. Based on their excellent description, officers located the suspect not far away at NW 21st and NW Glisan Street. Henrichs and Sundbaum went to the location to identify the suspect who was subsequently taken into custody. Portland Police Central Precinct Commander, Sara E. Westbrook's Commendation letter states, "Medic Henrichs and Medic Sundbaum, rather than ignoring the situation as a "police matter" took proactive steps to ensure the safety of a child and provided an excellent description of the suspect leading to his rapid arrest. Thank you for your hard work!". For their commendable actions attending to the mother and child in distress, assistance provided to Portland Police that led to the arrest of a kidnapping suspect, Paramedics Brian Henrichs and Trevin Sundbaum are recipients of the 2015 EMS Meritorious Service Medal.



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.

Sandy River Swift River Rescue Team

Leah Gordon - Paramedic, Ainsley Morton - EMT, Micah Fillinger - EMT
American Medical Response



On May 28, 2015, AMR River Rescue Technicians (RRTs) Leah Gordon, Ainsley Morton, and Micah Fillinger were on duty at Glenn Otto Park in Troutdale, Oregon. Gordon saw an adult male floating down the main current holding onto an inner tube with a young child inside near strong currents and rocks. Neither subject was wearing PFDs so Fillinger moved to river's edge in preparation for an assist. Fillinger was quickly followed by Morton, and both entered the water on paddle boards and swam toward the subjects. As the RRTs approached the inner tube flipped. The adult male grabbed the child but was swept downstream in the current. Fillinger contacted the subjects from his paddle board but the current pushed them all against Pilot Rock, and they were swept away. The adult male resurfaced immediately but the five year-old child did not. Fillinger, also pulled under by the current, resurfaced. River Rescue Field Training Officer Gordon served as Incident Command and coordinated incoming resources with dispatch, while RRTs Morton and Fillinger assisted the adult, deterred a 'would-be rescuer' bystander and began a systematic search for the child. After just forty-five seconds of submersion, Fillinger contacted the child and brought him to the surface. Morton assessed the child survivor who was alert and appropriately distressed, treated him for hypothermia, and transferred care to an ALS ambulance for a non-emergency transport for evaluation. Without the team's superb preventative mindset that brought them to the scene early, their exceptional in-water rescue skills and excellent coordination of multiple responders, patients and bystanders, the situation may have ended very differently.



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Butte Falls Highway MCI

*Jackson County Fire Department #3, Mercy Flight,
Jackson County Sherriff's Department, Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center*

Rogue Regional Medical Center

Physicians/Surgeons/PAs

Carl Seger, MD
Jeff Wiencek, MD
Eric Jensen, MD
Mitchell Plummer, MD
David Street, MD
Lora Bergert, MD
Todd Clevenger, MD
Matthew Miller, MD
David Grant, MD
Kelsey Young, PA
Sabrina Shumar, PA
Nursing
Kari Mattson, RN
Madison King, RN
Nathan LeClair, RN
Jason Brown, RN

Teri Carson, RN
Daniel Moore, RN
John Byers, RN
Jacqueline DeSilva, RN
Michelle Smith, RN
ED Techs
Kent Eastman, AEMT
Zachary Lampella, Paramedic
Andrew Burton, AEMT
Nicholas Hoelscher, EMT
William Schmidt, Paramedic
Bertrum O'Brien, Paramedic
Richard Mendenhall, Paramedic
Mercy Flights
Melissa Haney, Paramedic
Joe Coy, Paramedic
Shanon Roesler, Paramedic
Laura Ramacciotti-Whyte, Flight RN

Jacob Sutton, Flight Paramedic
Kim Saltonstall,
Communications Specialist
Carman DeLosSantos,
Communications Specialist

Jackson County Fire Department

Jason Allen, Captain
Kelly Harrington, Firefighter
Nate Rose, Firefighter
Don Manning, Captain
Damonn Hoffman, Engineer
Clayton Mattson, Firefighter
TJ Alvarez, Firefighter
Mike Calhoun, Battalion Chief
Lorin Myers, Chaplan



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Butte Falls Highway MCI

On April 2, 2015 the Butte Falls community encountered a tragedy when a mother drove head on into a logging truck with four children in the vehicle. First responders were quick to arrive on the scene and assess the situation. Jackson County Sheriff's Department was requested to the scene in order to help with crowd control as the members of the small community were learning about the incident that was taking place and friends and family members were arriving on scene. The mother and one of the children were pronounced dead upon arrival. The other three children were all critically injured. The EMS crews showed extreme skill and fortitude as they worked quickly to extricate the critically injured children. One patient was flown from the scene to Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center while the other two were taken by ground ambulance. Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon contacted Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center of the current MCI in order to allow them time to prepare for the incoming patients. Three full trauma teams were prepared and ready for the pediatric patients that EMS were bringing in. Upon arrival EMS and the Flight Crew worked quickly to transfer patient care to ARPMC. Doctors, surgeons, nurses, physician assistants, pharmacists, phlebotomists, ED technicians and anesthesiologists were standing by in the Emergency Room as well as the Operation rooms in order to take care of the critical pediatric patients. The three teams worked quickly and efficiently to diagnose and stabilize the patients. The hospital was able to stabilize the patients and then proceeded to transport all three to a higher level of care. This is a truly prime example of an emergency system that works. The true test of a system and a team comes when you and your team along with all of your resources are stretched to the point of breaking but grow together instead of breaking.

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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:
Marcia Gilson - Paramedic
Philomath Fire & Rescue

Marcia Gilson has served as an EMT in Oregon since 1979. She is currently certified as a Paramedic, Certifying Officer, Evaluator and Instructor with the State. She will be retiring from her position as EMS Officer for Philomath Fire & Rescue in June after working for the District for 25 years. She serves on the Oregon Disaster Medical Team, represents Benton County fire agencies with HPP and was a founding member of Benton County's Emergency Medical Advisory Committee. Marcia began her EMS career with Hoskins-Kings Valley Fire District because she saw a need in her rural community. She served on the Board of Directors and as a EMT, often times taking the EMT van home with her so that she could respond directly from her house as the only responder to a call. She continually increased her certification level over the years, eventually becoming a

Paramedic. She started working for Philomath Fire & Rescue as a part-time administrative assistant, but became a structural firefighter, wild land firefighter, pumper operator and rose to the rank of Captain as the EMS Officer. She has taught CPR and First Aid to every public safety agency in Benton County and for over 20 years has taught CPR to every High School Junior at Philomath High School. She has taught EMT and EMR classes, served as an evaluator and certifying officer for innumerable State tests and acts

as the mother hen for all of the smaller fire districts in the County. Until it disbanded, Marcia was a leader on the Benton County Critical Response Team. Her contributions to EMS at the local, regional and State level over a 35 year period have been invaluable and she will be missed.



Marcia Gilson
EMS Officer, Paramedic
Joined Dec. 1993



YEARS OF SERVICE

10 Years

Medford Fire-Rescue

Justin Fish - EMT Intermediate

Medix Ambulance

Gerald Moore - Paramedic

Robert Johnson - Paramedic

Trina Johanson - Paramedic

Jeremy Houston - Paramedic

Brian Roth - Paramedic

Donald Thomas - Paramedic

Rural Metro

Gary Neperud - Paramedic

Heather Matlock - Paramedic

Mike Harness - Paramedic

Katie Hartley - Paramedic

Shari Locher - Paramedic

Timothy Gratsinger - Paramedic

Luis Castillo - Paramedic

Ronald Bemrose - Paramedic

Christina Barron - Paramedic

Lawrence Allise - Paramedic

Brandy Bauman - Paramedic

Angela Hargin - EMT Intermediate

Jessica Buchholz - EMT Intermediate

Aaron Martinez - EMT

Jay Hinderks - EMT

Rural/Metro Fire Department

Lance Shaw - EMT Intermediate

John Van Ess - EMT

YEARS OF SERVICE

15 Years

Medford Fire-Rescue

Mike Haughey - Paramedic

Jonathon Brown - Paramedic

Robin Scholtz - Paramedic

Steve Rittenberg - EMT Intermediate

Rural Metro

Jonathan Andrews - Paramedic

John Robben - Paramedic

Aaron Monnig - Paramedic

Conrad Augustus - Paramedic

20 Years

Medix Ambulance

Duane Mullins - Paramedic

Gerald "Jerry" Cole - Paramedic

Rural-Metro Fire Department

Jason Stanton - EMT

Columbia River Fire & Rescue

James Christianson - Paramedic

25 Years

Rural-Metro Fire Department

Joseph Hyatt - EMT

YEARS OF SERVICE

30 Years

Rural-Metro Fire Department

Steve Nelson - EMT

Rural-Metro Fire Department

James Gilbert - EMT Intermediate

Bend Fire Department

Doug Koellermeier - EMT

American Medical Response

Robert Kroessin - Paramedic

35 Years

Mount Angel Fire Department

Victor Hoffer - Paramedic

