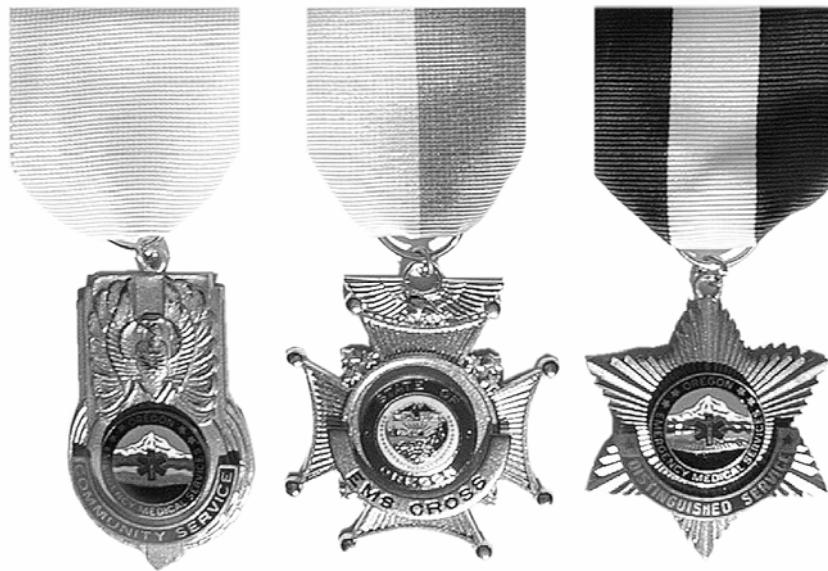




# 2007 State EMS Awards Banquet



## 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 Emergency Medical Systems whose acts and deeds stand out from the day-to-day excellence of that discipline.

The 2007 EMS Awards Program *Book of Recognition* memorializes the recipients of EMS program awards during the award cycle of June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007. Listed in the succeeding pages are brief descriptions of the awards presented, and the 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 the EMS calling and profession.

Robert E. Leopold  
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## **CIVILIAN SERVICE MEDAL**

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

**Connie Smith  
Tammy Smith  
Mill City, Oregon**

*Nominated by: Micki Valentine, Lyons Rural Fire District*

On April 27, 2007 Connie Smith, with the assistance of her daughter Tammy Smith, saved the life of Karen Robb by pulling her from her burning home.

Karen suffers from various medical conditions, is dependent on home oxygen, and is wheelchair bound. Karen was sleeping in her bedroom when she awoke to flames bursting from the blanket, right in front of her face! As she rolled off the bed she screamed for help. Connie, who is Karen's caregiver, heard Karen's cry from the other room. Because the fire was already spreading quickly, being fueled by the oxygen, she wasn't able to get Karen into her wheelchair and had to drag her out of the house. Connie said that it was extremely difficult, however with Tammy's assistance they managed to get Karen out to the yard and safety. Connie went back into the residence for the spare oxygen tanks, which she knew Karen would need.

Karen suffered minor injuries and was transported to the hospital. Connie also received burns to her face from the heat of the fire. This story could have had a tragic ending if it weren't for Connie's quick thinking. Way to go, Connie! This was an extremely heroic effort on both Connie and Tammy's parts. They both truly deserve to be recognized with the EMS Civilian Service Medal.

On a sad note, Karen Robb died on June 23, 2007 from her pre-existing medical conditions.

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**Jessica Knapp**  
**Portland, Oregon**

*Nominated by: Dale Miller, AMR Northwest Division*

On December 6, 2006, two AMR supervisors (Dale Miller and Dan McKnight) responded to the scene of a "terrible" auto pedestrian crash involving two small children. At the scene there was a civilian bystander, Jessica Knapp, who was later commended as being "a tremendous help." The mother of the patients was non-English speaking, but fortunately Jessica spoke Spanish fluently and was able to help communicate with the mother of the two critically injured girls.

The mother was so distraught that the ambulance crew thought she might be a hindrance to patient care, so it was determined not to have her ride in the ambulance. Supervisors Miller and McKnight provided her with transportation to the hospital. Jessica volunteered to go with them to Legacy Emanuel, to continue to help facilitate communications with the mother. In doing so, Jessica was able to obtain enough information to make contact with the patients' father at his place of employment and to make arrangements to bring him to the hospital. This was a tremendous help to the whole situation. Jessica Knapp deserves recognition for her caring and compassionate actions in this situation.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE MEDAL

*The Community Service Award recognizes an EMT who has made outstanding commitment to the non-patient care aspects of a community's EMS system. Special emphasis is on EMS public information, education and relations, community education, and prevention programs.*

**Victor Hoffer, EMT Paramedic  
Metro West Ambulance, Inc.**

*Nominated by: Honorable Hardy Myers, Attorney General & Pete Shepherd, Deputy Attorney General*

For more than 25 years, Victor Hoffer has served the public as an Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic. Victor has played a valuable role in Oregon's efforts to protect the vulnerable elderly. His support was critical in successful efforts to enact laws requiring first responders to report elder abuse. Victor worked tirelessly to help firefighters and EMTs recognize symptoms of elder abuse and understand reporting obligations. He has traveled the state to educate his colleagues and serves as a member of the Attorney General's Elder Abuse Task Force.

## MERITORIOUS SERVICE

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

**Mitchell Beyer, Deputy  
Clackamas County Sheriff's Office**

*Nominated by: Tim Hennigan, AMR Northwest Division*

In spring of 2006, Deputy Mitch Beyer, Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, provided life-saving intervention that deserves recognition. Deputy Beyer was assisting the Oregon State Marine Board during the Oregon Marine Law Enforcement Academy at Camp Rilea. During the class, a fellow law enforcement officer experienced a sudden cardiac arrest. Luckily Deputy Beyer had the foresight to bring an AED and have the unit available during poolside training exercises. After a quick assessment of the situation, Deputy Beyer utilized the AED to deliver two shocks to the officer and achieved return of spontaneous circulation.

Local EMS transported the officer to the hospital where he was treated and subsequently released. Deputy Beyer's foresight and quick action saved this officer's life; he has since made a complete recovery and has returned to work. Deputy Beyer should be commended for his life-saving actions.

The 'rest of the story' is that Deputy Beyer received his AED training from AMR's Community Education Specialist, Kevin Kuehn!



## LIFESAVING MEDAL

*The Lifesaving Medal recognizes an EMT who, while in an off-duty or volunteer capacity, makes an extremely noteworthy contribution to efforts which result in the saving of a life.*

**Jason Schurter, EMT Paramedic  
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue**

*Nominated by: Scott Sullivan, EMS Officer, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue*

In February of 2007, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue paramedic Jason Schurter, while traveling with his family, came upon a head-on wreck that had just occurred north of Gearhart. Others had stopped, however no one had rendered any aid to the injured. After blocking the scene with his vehicle and doing a quick triage, Jason found that there were four patients, one of which was critical. This patient's vehicle sustained the most damage, and had ended up on an incline on the side of the road next to water that was approximately two feet deep.

The driver had been thrown across the center console of his car; he was unconscious, and barely breathing. His head was down into the dash, and the weight of his body was pushing him up against it. He had significant lacerations on his face and was entrapped. Neither door would open, and with the incline and standing water on the driver's side of the car it wasn't safe to put anybody on that side of the vehicle until it could be secured.

Jason donned some medical gloves, entered the truck, and pulled the patient back while opening his airway. He continued holding the patient's airway open and attempted to wipe out blood and other fluids until the ambulance medics arrived. The medics provided a bag valve mask and Jason assisted with ventilation of the patient while waiting for extrication equipment. Seaside Fire arrived on the scene and started the extrication process. Jason passed on the information regarding his triage and the patient's condition to the company officer. He then left to attend to his wife and infant daughter who had witnessed the preceding events.

Jason's willingness to assist this patient and to place himself inside a potentially unsafe scene are exemplary and in the finest traditions of both EMS and the fire service.

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### **Lindsey Telek, EMT Basic Clackamas County Operations**

*Nominated by: Dale Miller, EMS Supervisor, AMR Northwest Division*

Last fall, Clackamas County Supervisors Dan McKnight and Dale Miller responded on a 9-1-1 call to SE 82nd Avenue, where three pedestrians had been struck by a car. This was a particularly bad call: a three year old female was fatally injured, a five year old female was seriously injured, and their mother was terribly distraught - almost uncontrollable.

Lindsey Telek was off-duty and nearby when the accident occurred, and she immediately rendered aid. Lindsey provided aid to both girls and performed CPR on the three year old until the fire department arrived. She decided to start life saving procedures despite the fact she didn't have personal protective equipment available. Per Lindsay, "I needed to do something to save the child's life."

Lindsay's supervisors feel she deserves recognition for this selfless act.

## **MEDAL OF VALOR**

*The Medal of Valor recognizes acts of personal valor or heroism in the delivery of emergency medical care, which results in the saving of a life under extreme conditions and in extraordinary circumstances.*

**Earl Forster, EMT Paramedic**  
**Dennis Rondeau, EMT Paramedic**  
**Multnomah County EMS**

*Nominated by: Rocco Roncarati, Operations Manager, AMR Northwest Division*

Early in the morning on August 27, 2006, AMR Medic 322 (Earl Forster and Dennis Rondeau) were returning to Multnomah County Operations when they came upon a two-car motor vehicle crash. The crew quickly realized there was a working car fire with two people trapped inside one of the vehicles. Medic Earl Forster updated dispatch of the situation, allowing additional resources to be sent to the scene. One of the patients pinned in the vehicle was getting burned by the fire. Acting swiftly, Earl and Dennis fought the fire, attacking it with their chemical extinguisher. They successfully suppressed the flames until the Portland Fire Engine arrived and extinguished the fire.

When the threat of fire danger had passed, the crew turned to assessing the rest of the scene. It was quickly upgraded to an MPS (multi-patient scene) with a total of five patients - four in critical condition. Two patients were pinned in their vehicle and two patients had been ejected from their vehicle. Earl assumed the role of Medical Branch, coordinating the hospital destinations for the transporting ambulances.

Per Portland Fire Chief Babcock and Lieutenant Klum, who were also on scene, "This was a horrible crash. Medic 322 kept the victims from suffering severe burns. Medics Forster and Rondeau deserve recognition [for their actions]."

## UNIT CITATION

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

### **AMR River Rescue Team**

**Scott Campbell, EMT Intermediate**

**Krista Hornish, EMT Paramedic**

**Brian Dixon, EMT Intermediate**

*Nominated by: Lucie Drum, Community Education/ Media Relations Coordinator, AMR Northwest Division*

In June 2006, a fishing boat lodged against a bridge abutment upriver from High Rocks Park in Gladstone. Three AMR River Rescue Technicians were on duty: Krista Hornish, Brian Dixon and Scott Campbell. Krista heard yelling from someone in the water stating that his fishing boat had 'flipped' and feared his friend had 'drowned.' Krista quickly contacted dispatch to request a full water rescue response.

Once alerted, Scott Campbell commandeered a boat and navigated upstream to the fishing boat. They found the boat swamped, current raging around it, with a victim clinging perilously alongside. Scott entered the water (without the aid of a shore line) and performed a contact rescue - grabbing the victim and controlling him as they floated downstream to safety. Brian Dixon also entered the water to assist Scott and the victim to shore. Scott's performance was a textbook example of a 'contact' rescue - the most dangerous type of rescue, where the rescuer must enter the water and physically touch and remove a victim from a hazard.

Without the swift, coordinated efforts of team members, the victim could easily have been pulled under water and drowned. This rescue illustrates the skill and professionalism of AMR's River Rescue Team. Appreciation should also go to the team leader, Dave Mull, River Rescue Program Coordinator, for assembling and training such an outstanding team.

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**Sander ‘Sandy’ Logan, Jr., EMT Paramedic  
Nick Cordill, EMT Intermediate  
Medic “Squirt” 207, Clackamas County**

*Nominated by: Phil Moyer, Manager, AMR Northwest Division*

Late September 2006, during a routine post move from Sunnyside to Damascus, the crew of Clackamas County Medic 207 observed a thick column of smoke rising through the trees just off Sunnyside Road near Damascus. The crew stopped to investigate and found a man attempting to extinguish a wall of ten-foot high flames from a large deck and shrubs next to his home.

Nick Cordill quickly reported the fire to C-Com, giving a size up and address. After checking the man for injuries, 'Sandy' Logan took over fire fighting with the garden hose, directing the hose at the spreading fire. Sandy was hoping to save the house and protect the neighboring structures by keeping the flames from reaching the half acre of trees nearby. The smoke got thicker and flames got higher. After completing communications, Nick retrieved the fire extinguisher from the ambulance and put out another fire burning on the side of the house. Both crew members were concerned they wouldn't be able to stop the fire from reaching the tree canopy. Embers rained down, and thick smoke forced Sandy to his knees. Fortunately, Sandy and Nick got the flames under control - just prior to the arrival of neighboring fire districts. Due to the quick thinking and swift actions of Sandy and Nick, the damage to the home, property, and neighboring homes was limited.

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### **Milton-Freewater Police Department**

**Corporal Greg Stallings**

**Officer Alan Parker**

**Officer Scott Clayton**

**Officer Jon Roberts**

**Milton-Freewater, Oregon**

*Nominated by: Timothy Gratsinger, Paramedic/Firefighter, Milton-Freewater Rural Fire District*

On the evening of August 17, 2006, the 911 Dispatcher in Milton-Freewater received a call which appeared to be for a domestic disturbance. Details were difficult to obtain due to a significant language barrier and the emotional state of the caller.

Upon arrival at the scene, officers of the Milton-Freewater Police Department quickly determined that the focus of this house full of upset people appeared to be a motionless elderly female in the kitchen who was pulseless and not breathing. The officers quickly and efficiently started CPR while one of them notified dispatch that they had found a person in cardiac arrest. Some officers continued CPR while others guided arriving EMS personnel to the patient and assisted in other ways.

After the arrival of EMS personnel, the patient received other emergency care and experienced a return of spontaneous circulation.

While police officers learn first aid and CPR, determining that a person is in cardiac arrest and performing CPR as a team is not an everyday part of their duties.

For prompt and efficient CPR contributing to the resuscitation of a person in cardiac arrest, Corporal Greg Stallings, Officer Alan Parker, Officer Scott Clayton, Officer Jon Roberts are recognized with a Unit Citation Medal.

## **EMS IMPACT AWARD**

*The EMS Impact Award honors an individual who has made a substantial contribution to Department of Human Service's efforts to develop a statewide EMS system.*

### **Christopher 'Kit' Bangs Scappoose, Oregon**

*Nominated by: Ritu Sahni, EMS Medical Director, OHSU Emergency Communications Center, Lake Oswego Fire Department Medical Director*

Starting public service over 25 years ago with the United State Coast Guard, Christopher (Kit) Bangs has made multiple and substantial contributions to the EMS system.

In his latest 18 years of work at the OHSU Emergency Communications Center (ECC), he has made a profound impact on the Emergency Medical Services System in Oregon. Kit has worked tirelessly in the area of trauma systems development and disaster preparedness that will have a long impact on the safety and wellness of Oregonians.

Through the ECC, Kit played a major role in the development and continued function of the Trauma Communications Center (TCC). This Center now tracks the location and entry criteria of every trauma patient coming to a Level I Trauma Center from the field. Data generated by the TCC and analyzed by Kit has allowed the system to change triage boundaries and even evaluate patient outcomes.

The ECC has been instrumental in improving disaster preparedness, and long before 9-11, the ECC has been involved in developing patient transport and distribution algorithms to achieve the best possible outcome for the largest number of patients. Kit's leadership in developing these algorithms and representing the ECC to the community at large has been invaluable.

Although Kit's retirement creates a huge loss for the ECC and regional EMS system, a strong foundation has been laid with his excellent work.

## **MEDIA RECOGNITION AWARD**

*The Media Recognition Award honors the news media and/or its reporters who have supported EMS through knowledgeable, accurate, and supportive reporting.*

**Jenny Hansson**  
**KOIN News Channel 6**  
**Portland, Oregon**

*Nominated by: Lucie Drum, Community Education/ Media Relations Coordinator, AMR Northwest Division*

KOIN News Channel 6, Jenny Hansson provided coverage of an important health issue, "How to Survive a Heart Attack" reported by Kelly Day. Emphasis was placed on the "Chain of Survival" and early access to 9-1-1, especially following the onset of chest pain. Information was presented on new technologies available in the field to recognize and detect a heart attack (12-Lead ECG), enabling paramedics to transport patients to hospitals who are able to best care for patients with signs of *Acute Coronary Syndrome* (ACS). Footage included a 'mock' 9-1-1 call and heart attack scene, cell phone transmission of field data, and an interview with OHSU cardiologist, David Lee, MD.

KOIN Channel 6 provided excellent coverage of this important health issue which educated the public on how best to survive a heart attack. Emphasis was placed on the essential steps of calling 9-1-1 early following the onset of chest pain and included information on the new technologies available in the field to recognize and detect a heart attack.



## EMT-BASIC OF THE YEAR

*The EMT-Basic of the Year Award honors an EMT-Basic who is exemplary in his/her quality of patient care and/or dedication to their community and to the EMS system.*

### **John ‘Jack’ Frakes, EMT Basic President, Dufur Volunteer Ambulance**

*Nominated by: Larry Clark, Director of Emergency Service, Dufur Volunteer Ambulance*

John ‘Jack’ Frakes has grown through the “ranks” of the Dufur Volunteer ambulance. Jack began as a driver and quickly caught on to the procedures and responsibilities of this position. After taking a First Responder class, Jack began helping with patient care in the back of the ambulance. He quickly learned where everything was kept, and was always one step ahead of the medics and had equipment handy when needed. His thorough note taking made the completion of patient care reports much easier. Shortly after getting his First Responder card, Jack took the EMT-Basic classes at Columbia Gorge Community College and was certified as a Basic in the spring of 2006.

Jack takes his role of EMT-Basic seriously, and has been instrumental in organizing and providing the local school with programs for EMS week, First Aid and CPR classes, being on stand-by at local football games, and many other activities that help educate the youth and the community about safety. Many community outreach programs would not happen if Jack did not organize and staff them.

Jack is usually first to the ambulance bay and has the rig ready to roll when other responders arrive. Jack arrives so quickly for calls at night that many of the crew believes that Jack uses his ambulance clothing for pajamas. Day or night, he is usually on the call, providing excellent medical care to his patients.

Recently, Jack handled a patient’s respiratory problem professionally and made sure the patient was comfortable. This was an acute emergency and the patient was in distress. Jack never panicked nor lost his composure, even though the patient was his mother. What a privilege to serve a community where all the patients are family or friends! Jack’s composure shows that he trusts his training and uses it with all his patients.

Jack Frakes qualifies to be named as EMT-Basic of the year for the State of Oregon based on his quality patient care, outstanding community outreach, and total dedication to our pre-hospital medical service.

## **EMT-INTERMEDIATE OF THE YEAR**

*The EMT-Intermediate of the Year Award honors an EMT-Intermediate who is exemplary in his/her quality of patient care and/or dedication to their community and to the EMS system.*

**Jeramy Houston, EMT Intermediate  
Seaside Fire & Rescue**

*Nominated by: Duane Mullins, Chief of Operations, Medix Ambulance*

Jeramy Houston has been with Medix Ambulance Service for three years. Jeramy has always been a very good employee, however over the last year he has been exceptional. He finished his college prerequisites and enrolled into Paramedic school. He works with one of the supervisors and assists with the Quality Assurance Program. Jeramy contributes on a regular basis towards in-services, continuing education, and assisting with the EMT Basic class at Clatsop Community College. He balances his time between work, school, and family life very well. Jeramy is a perfect example of a State of Oregon EMT Intermediate and Medix employee by his attitude, education and professionalism. Jeramy is married to Meghan and they make their home in Seaside, Oregon where Jeramy has been a volunteer with Seaside Fire and Rescue for seven years.

## EMT-PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR

*The EMT-Paramedic of the Year Award honors an EMT-Paramedic who is exemplary in his/her quality of patient care and/or dedication to their community and to the EMS system.*

### **Richard ‘Rick’ Bielenberg, EMT Paramedic Pacific West Ambulance**

*Nominated by: Thomas Harper Jr., General Manager, Pacific West Ambulance*

On the evening of April 11, 2006, around 10:30 p.m., the pager tones went off; chest pain at a familiar address, the local Fire Station. This dispatch was going to be someone known. It was the Chief. Rick’s crew transported “Code 3.”

On the Oregon coast, a crew will often transport the same patient to more advanced care later. They asked to take the now “stable” patient for cardiac catheterization in Corvallis. The Chief’s wife accompanied him in the ambulance. About ten minutes into the transport the patient arrested. The medics pulled to the roadside and resuscitated the Chief with assistance from volunteer fire fighters, saving his life for a second time that day. Medics do nothing harder than working someone they know, except working them in front of their family. The Chief recovered fully and returned to duty.

One week later, Paramedic Rick Bielenberg went to a hospital not feeling well; he had gone into complete renal failure and he needed a kidney transplant to live. Once healthy, he was now sitting with patients he had transported dozens of times. Nurses who welcomed him thought it was a joke, asking what he was doing there.

Many would have quit. He almost did, disappearing, not working, not talking with anyone, and not leaving the house. But the company and the people he works with would not let him give up. Arrangements were made with three EMT crews when he couldn’t lift. Breaks were scheduled for his dialysis. He worked wheel-chair and comfort cars.

He received an American Ambulance Association Star of Life Award, Paramedic of the Year 2006 for Pacific West Ambulance, and our Call of the Year last year.

Earlier this year, he got a new kidney and another chance at life.

## **EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR**

*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.*

**Curtis Guttman, EMT Paramedic  
Assistant Training Officer  
Clackamas County Fire District #1**

*Nominated by: Burke Slater, EMT Paramedic, Clackamas Fire District #1*

Curtis has been an Assistant Training Officer for Clackamas Fire District for the last two years. He stepped into that position to advance our EMS system by challenging those EMT's and Paramedics to learn, practice and be better. Curtis has implemented the changes that allow our organization to advance in our delivery of emergency medicine, and has gained a reputation for his excellent style of instruction. He has devoted so much time to the education of the students at Portland Community College by teaching paramedic classes, and giving the students the necessary building blocks for a solid foundation in emergency medicine. Curtis has implemented the training process required for 12-lead prehospital cardiac monitoring, teaching 12-lead interpretation to students and medics around the metro area. Curtis has followed the state requirements in implementing the EMT Intermediate bridge course, and taught those classes to EMT Intermediate's from other agencies in Clackamas County.

Curtis has shown a great passion for the education aspect of Emergency Medicine. He continues to review protocols as part of the Tri-County Protocol Development Committee, and regularly conducts product testing to make EMS more efficient. Curtis has taken the key role in the development and teaching of our EMT First Responder's class for volunteers in Clackamas County, and is a crucial member of both the Quality Assurance Committee and the EMS Committee for Clackamas Fire District #1.

Curtis has truly shown his commitment to our organization, to education and to the advancement of the Emergency Medical System of Clackamas County, and most importantly to his co-workers. We honor Curtis and thank him for dedicating so much time to help us better protect and serve our public.

## **EMS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**

*The EMS Administrator of the Year honors an EMS system administrator who has distinguished him or her self through noteworthy contribution to a local, regional, or statewide EMS system.*

**Randall ‘Randy’ Lauer**  
**General Manager, Oregon Operations**  
**American Medical Response**

*Nominated by: Phil Moyer, Operations Manager, AMR Northwest Division*

Throughout his EMS career, from field medic to General Manager, Randy Lauer has typified qualities of an outstanding leader. He places employee’s needs first, with the belief that they will in turn provide the best possible patient care.

Randy firmly believes that an EMS agency must provide the best tools and training possible. He championed Oregon’s first EMS Field Training Officer (FTO) Program; comprehensive EMS field operation protocols; development of specialized response teams (notably the highly successful Bike Medic and River Rescue programs), and spearheaded the transition to electronic patient care reporting. In addition, his commitment to quality and high personal standards has helped AMR NW achieve national accreditation through CAAS (Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services).

In 2003, Randy deployed to active U.S. Coast Guard duty. Despite his full time duties, he continued to serve AMR through e-mail and conference calls. Randy’s commitment to EMS systems goes beyond AMR by developing and serving on a Joint Operations Committee in Multnomah County, which has reached a level of standardization and cooperation between agencies - serving as a model for other urban EMS systems. As a member of the Oregon State Ambulance Association, he is part of a Governor's Task Force focusing on EMS driving practices.

Randy's expertise is also recognized on a national level. After Hurricane Katrina, he was called to assist with relief efforts. As incident commander of ambulance operations, he coordinated over 80 ambulances and hundreds of personnel. His leadership and experience was critical in helping a devastated EMS system rebound, working harmoniously with multi-disciplined agencies. He continues to serve on AMR’s corporate team, developing plans for medical transportation in case of a national disaster.

Randy Lauer's commitment, integrity, professionalism and compassion truly embody the traits of the EMS Administrator of the Year.

## EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

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

**Louis Perretta, MD, FACEP**

**Medical Director**

**Kaiser, Columbia River Fire & Rescue, Clackamas Community College**

*Nominated by: Merlin Curry, Department Chair, Clackamas Community College*

Doctor Perretta is a practicing emergency physician, an EMS medical director, a father and husband. His nomination for EMS medical director of the year for 2007 stems from his work with Clackamas Community College (CCC) as the EMT Program Medical Director since 2001. Doctor Perretta's guidance has helped CCC's EMT program become the best first-year EMT education in the state.

At Clackamas, Dr. Perretta has helped to lead the EMT Program Advisory Committee, and provide for case reviews, continuing education, and recertification. Dr. Perretta assisted with the accreditation process in both 2002 and 2007. He maintained a high level of professionalism and stayed up-to-date on the changes and developments within the program, and encouraged high standards. This reflects his history of excellence.

Doctor Perretta received his medical degree from University of Rochester School of Medicine in 1983. He completed his residency in emergency medicine at the University of Illinois in Chicago from 1983-1986. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Perretta moved to Oregon and practiced for over a decade at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital. Dr. Perretta is now an attending physician at Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center.

Dr. Perretta recently returned from a mission to Bolivia, where he provided medical care to remote villages deep in the jungle. Dr. Perretta has also been the EMS Medical Director for Columbia County.

## **EMS COMMITMENT TO QUALITY**

***Honors an EMS system or individual EMS agency, or sub-unit of an EMS agency, which has demonstrated commitment to the principles of quality improvement, customer service and excellence in EMS***

### **Medix Ambulance Service Warrenton, Oregon**

*Nominated by: Duane Mullins, Chief of Operations, Medix Ambulance*

Medix Ambulance has been the ALS ambulance provider in Clatsop County for 32 years. Medix also provides a wheelchair van service, and operates its own dispatch center that is staffed 24/7. Medix paramedics have served as instructors for all EMT basic and intermediate classes held at Clatsop Community College over the last 25 years.

Medix is also a CPR training center for the American Heart Association. They have sponsored a local pack for the Boy Scouts of America and had a charter group of explorers for several years. Medix works with community and civic groups on a donation basis for standbys and participates at career fairs and health fairs at local hospitals. They also work with the local schools in delivering the message of alcohol abuse and driving drunk, with several DUII presentations at area schools. Students and participants from Tongue Point Job Corp are permitted to ride on the ambulance to further their educational process.

This is only a brief description of the contribution Medix Ambulance Service makes to the local community. The goal of Medix Ambulance is to provide the highest level of pre-hospital emergency care to the sick and injured. This is made possible because of the quality employees that uphold and apply this goal in every aspect of its business.

## **Years of EMS Service Recognition**

### **10 Years**

**Susan Agalzoff  
Peter Benjamin  
Daniel Crutchfield  
Steve Henberg  
Dolores McDaniel  
Deborrah Reth  
Reta Warner  
Linda Willis**

### **15 Years**

**Melvert Byers  
James Bush  
Joyce Himes  
Duane Mullins  
Michael Sneddon**

### **20+ Years**

<b>Darren Brieher</b>	<b>Rubin Marroquin</b>
<b>Brian Coussens</b>	<b>Paul Martin</b>
<b>Robert Durham</b>	<b>David Mathews</b>
<b>David Ewen</b>	<b>Ronald McClure</b>
<b>John Flanery</b>	<b>Jean McSherry</b>
<b>Randi Hering-Soot</b>	<b>Michael Miller</b>
<b>Robert Hoke</b>	<b>Colin Mooney</b>
<b>Jerry Huff</b>	<b>Barbara Noland</b>
<b>Gary Laurent</b>	<b>Kerby Verley</b>
<b>Sandy Logan</b>	<b>Frank Weber</b>
<b>Donald Manley</b>	<b>Brian Wildman</b>

### **35 Years**

**Lawrence Bush  
Dale Miller  
Steve Trout**

## **Educational Achievement Recognition**

**Katie Schmidlin, EMT-Basic; Bachelors of Science**



