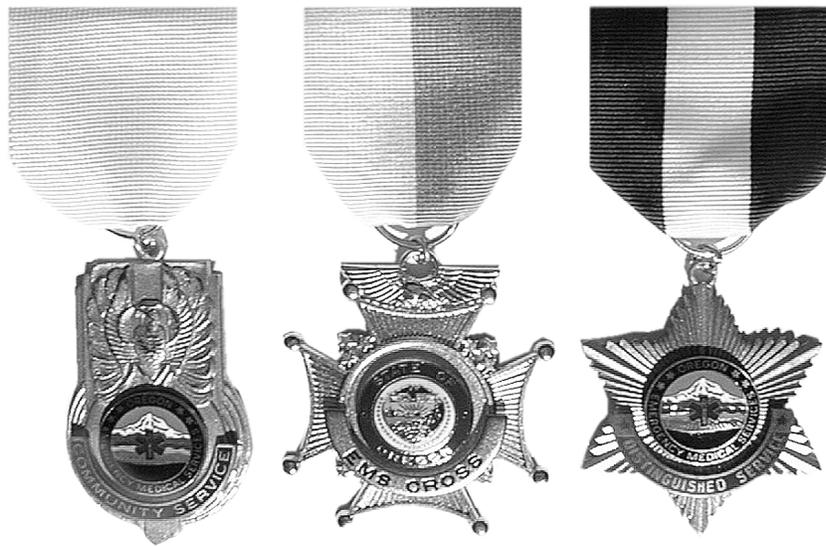




**2012**  
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**BOOK OF RECOGNITION**

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## INTRODUCTION

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

The 2012 EMS Awards Program *Book of Recognition* memorializes the recipients of EMS program awards during the award cycle of June 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. 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 those many good deeds. This book is dedicated not only to those whose names and deeds are included, but to any others who, unknown to this committee, also performed acts and deeds representing the best traditions of our calling and profession.

We would like to thank the State Certification and Discipline Committee and representative from the Oregon EMS Conference for their participation on the awards selection Committee.

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## CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD



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

**This year's recipient(s): Robert (Bob) Wood  
John Weller**

One morning in late October of 2011, 3 friends were sawing lumber when one of them stepped back and collapsed. Robert (Bob) Wood, a retired firefighter, immediately checked for signs of life, and finding none, began CPR. John Weller ran to the nearby house, broke a window in the locked door so that he could get to a phone to call 911. Then he ran back to help Bob.

On an ordinary day, the nearest ambulance would have been 12 to 15 minutes out. That day Medic 462 was touring the district and arrived on scene 2 minutes and 49 seconds after initial tones. Division Chief Lee Ann Berg placed the AED as Bob and John continued CPR. John got a quick lesson on the bag-valve mask and did a fine job of BLS airway management while the code was continued. A shock was advised and administered; CPR was resumed; another shock was advised and the patient was moved rapidly to the ambulance in the wake of the second shock.

Bob and John were both willing to continue their efforts as the ambulance moved toward an intercept with Advanced Life Support. Enroute, the AED advised another shock; it was given and CPR was resumed. Before the end of that cycle of CPR, it was obvious their efforts paid off: their friend began to breathe and move on his own. A crew from Metro-West met M462 and assisted in preparing the patient for a transport by Life Flight.

Bob and John have had the pleasure of seeing their friend recover and get back to full activity. They are very deserving of the Civilian Service Award because their friend would not have celebrated Christmas at home with his family if they had not stepped up to help.

## 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:  
Paul McCallum, Paramedic**



In the summer of 2011, Paul McCallum had a vision to improve access to patient information, including home medications, by utilizing a product called “File of Life”. This red vinyl envelope hangs on the patient’s refrigerator and contains a form to list pertinent medical information.

Paul’s vision for this program went far beyond just handing this product out he reached out to community partners to ensure the patient filled out the cards by holding clinics to educate and assist recipients of the File of Life.

Paul was able to secure two partners, Dallas Retirement Village and West Valley Hospital. An alliance was formed and funding was established to purchase the File of Life with each organization’s logo attached.

Advertisements were placed in the local paper announcing free clinics to educate the public on the program and assist in completing the information cards. The cards are offered free of charge to the public. Many of the interested recipients are elderly and appreciated the coaching in completing the form. In addition, the local paper, the *Itemizer-Observer*, was impressed with the program and offered to be a co-sponsor.

In early 2012, Paul went into the community seeking sponsors to help fund the program. Paul approached businesses, physician’s clinics, and community organizations. Paul successfully signed 12 sponsors, raising \$2,400.00 for the organization.

EMS responders have seen a positive impact and finding completed cards hanging on the patient’s refrigerator makes a significant impact to patient care.

## EMS 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.*

**This year's recipient: City of Albany Fire Department – Periwinkle Creek Incident**



On January 18, 2012, at 19:10, Albany Fire Department responded to Mega Foods grocery store for a vehicle in the water. Periwinkle Creek had flooded into a portion of the store's parking lot. Bystanders reported a car going into the creek and disappearing into a culvert with people inside.

Crews searched for the vehicle along the creek, focusing on the last seen location of the vehicle. Additional crews also began searching at the entrance to the culvert that runs about 400 feet under Geary Street and exits on Queen Avenue. With a water depth of at least 12 feet, the relentless current pushing through the culvert, and the extremely dangerous water conditions, the Battalion Chief regrouped search efforts and gathered personnel for further directions. It was at that time someone yelled that they found a victim and needed help.

EMT/Firefighter Jason Katzenstein had spotted what appeared to be clothing downstream in the creek. He made a swipe with his pike pole at the clothing, and when it moved he realized it was a child's body. Using the pole the five-year-old was pulled to shore, and Katzenstein ran the lifeless child to the waiting medic crew. The child had been submerged underwater for at least 20 minutes and was unconscious and not breathing. The strong current of the flooded Periwinkle Creek had pulled the car partially through the culvert that ran under the road.

Due to the efforts of the entire team, two of the car's four occupants survived, including the child and his father. The skills of Albany Fire Department responders are a superb example of team work that positively impacted patient outcome and essential components of this successful rescue.

## EMS UNIT CITATION

Mark Bernt, Firefighter/EMT  
Ryan Bond, Battalion Chief  
Joseph Brier, Jr., Firefighter/EMT  
Edwin Coleman, Firefighter/EMT  
Benjamin Cooper, Firefighter/EMT  
Steven Crofcheck, Apparatus Operator  
Darin Ferguson, Apparatus Operator  
Timothy Hart, Firefighter/EMT  
Tammy Jordan, Firefighter/EMT  
Jason Katzenstein, Firefighter/EMT  
Hillary Kosmicki, Firefighter/EMT

Christopher LaBelle, Fire Lieutenant  
Jonathan Mang, Firefighter/EMT  
Damon Martin, Firefighter/EMT  
Kyle Romey, Fire Lieutenant  
Timothy Schrader, Firefighter/EMT  
Shannon Snippen, Firefighter/EMT  
Steven Surmeier, Apparatus Operator  
Ronald Wackford, Apparatus Operator  
Curtis Wilson, Firefighter/EMT  
Shane Wooton, Assistant Fire Chief



## EMS 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.*

**This year's recipient:  
Dufur Volunteer Ambulance**



On Jan. 25, 2012, at 13:11, Dufur Volunteer Ambulance was dispatched to a rural farmhouse for a 55 year old male with chest pains. The patient was calling for himself and reported a history of heart problems. The crew responded to the ambulance and approximately 8 minutes into the drive, dispatch stated the patient was no longer talking and they could hear agonal breathing.

The ambulance arrived at the scene approximately 6 minutes after the patient collapsed. The EMTs entered the house where they discovered the patient lying on the kitchen floor with no pulse. CPR was started immediately and one shock was delivered. The crews then loaded the patient onto the gurney, continuing CPR, pushing and dragging the gurney through the deep snow to the ambulance.

En route, CPR and defibrillation were continued. Nine shocks were delivered, with each shock returning an organized rhythm for a few seconds, then converting back to ventricular fibrillation. Spontaneous circulation was restored as the ambulance arrived at the hospital. Total scene and transport time was approximately 40 minutes. The patient was flown to Portland for treatment and walked out of the hospital 10 days later with no apparent deficits. He has returned to a normal daily routine.

The crew on this call deserves to be called heroes. They all worked very hard to make sure this patient received the best care under extreme conditions. The members of this particular call had just completed a CPR renewal course a few days before and had been refreshed on the use of the defibrillator. Because this team applied all their skills and training a Dufur citizen is leading a normal life following 40 minutes of CPR and cardiac arrest protocols. On this day, for this patient, the training paid off!

## EMS UNIT CITATION

Jack Frakes, EMT  
Kathy Cantrell, EMR  
Bob Durham, EMT-I  
Don Peterson, EMT  
Herb Watts, Driver



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

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

**This year's recipient: Jodi Dickey, EMD  
Medix Ambulance, Inc.**



Emergency Medical Dispatcher Jodie Dickey, of Medix Ambulance is receiving the Meritorious Service Award for her actions on August, 2011. Ms. Dickey was the sole dispatcher on duty when she responded to the following radio report: "Medcom, 224, we've been in an accident. We need assistance... A car crossed the center line and hit us head on... Unsure of how many injuries at this time."

Utilizing GPS tracking, Ms. Dickey immediately dispatched a second ambulance, fire and police. Within minutes, she contacted the ambulance and dispatch supervisors, the chief of operations. Upon arrival of the ambulance supervisor to the scene, it was determined there were a total of seven patients, including the ambulance crew and their patient. An MCI was declared. EMD Dickey began notifying the area hospitals and obtaining surge capacity information, brought additional units to the scene, and contacted Tillamook County Ambulance to coordinate their mutual aid response.

EMD Dickey flawlessly tracked all the responding units, responded to all radio calls from the Medical Commander, and carried out all requests without hesitation or a note of stress. She coordinated a multi agency response that involved Medix Ambulance, Tillamook Ambulance, Seaside and Cannon Beach Fire departments, Seaside Police, and Oregon State Police. She was also instrumental in coordinating of care for all the patients.

Ms. Dickey's calm demeanor under pressure, when her coworkers were injured and in desperate need of assistance, kept a disastrous incident under control. Without her, this multi agency response would have been severely impaired. Without a doubt, the calm and swift actions of EMD Jodi Dickey saved lives that morning.



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

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**This year's recipient: Victor Hoffer, Paramedic  
Rural Metro Ambulance &  
Mt. Angel Fire District**



Since 1980 Victor Hoffer has had one goal, to serve the community. He has served on many committees throughout the state, trained numerous new paramedics, and is a volunteer with Mt. Angel Fire District. He is a Field Training Officer and Operations Supervisor with Rural/Metro Ambulance in Salem, Oregon.

Paramedic Hoffer has long been an advocate for EMS and with his appointment by the Governor to the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee he has had the opportunity to promote EMS on a statewide basis. The Traffic Safety Action Plan (TSAP) is a 10-year vision of highway safety in Oregon. Mr. Hoffer has been the lead member of the OTSC on this project and held public hearings throughout Oregon. He helped formulate goals and objectives and over 100 action plans. Paramedic Hoffer succeeded in securing two EMS action items in the top 10. Goals established with the assistance of Mr. Hoffer's efforts include funding EMS training through community colleges statewide, working with partner agencies to conduct statewide EMS training and funding existing and new education programs for EMS training opportunities statewide.

Emergency Medical Services and Volunteer Fire Services are the number one priority in the Traffic Safety Action Plan. This is a first for any state in the nation. Oregon is a leader in its partnership between EMS and Highway Safety.

We recognize Victor Hoffer's advocacy for EMS and Highway Safety as well as his reputation of service to others with the Meritorious Service Award.



## EMS COMMITMENT TO QUALITY

*The EMS Commitment to Quality Award 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.*

**This year's recipient:  
Central Lane EMS (CLEMS)**

The EMS providers of the Central Lane County region are made up of 16 agencies that provide a full range of EMS response throughout Lane County, and cover an area roughly the size of the State of Connecticut. These agencies protect 1,433 miles of county, 918 miles of city and 484 miles of state maintained roadways that traverse throughout the county along river ways, lakes, and two mountain ranges connecting smaller communities with the urban core.

These 16 agencies are part of Central Lane EMS (CLEMS), which falls under the auspice of the Lane County Fire Defense Board. Organized in the mid-80s, CLEMS provides oversight regarding equipment utilization, distribution and an EMS training cache' available to the transporting agencies as well as the first response agencies, primarily rural fire districts of the county. This year CLEMS implemented a tourniquet equipment program and an MCI capability. Five, 25 patient, MCI kits were distributed around the central county region and are rapidly deployable utilizing any type of response vehicle. CLEMS also championed a \$159,000 carbon monoxide pulse-oximeter grant. Award of this grant facilitated the upgrade of all the cardiac monitors on transport units and provided a handheld device to non-transport agencies.

Over the last two years CLEMS has been expanding their role into education. Quarterly, a nationally recognized course is offered at a discounted price to all CLEMS agencies. The pinnacle of this program was the EMS Summit hosted in conjunction with Lane Community College. Attendance for the summit was just over 100 attendees per day generating over 1400 hours of continuing education. For almost three decades CLEMS has been providing tools and now education to the EMS providers of Lane County and is a model for others to follow.

## EMS COMMITMENT TO QUALITY



### Central Lane EMS (CLEMS) Key Personnel:

President	Chris Heppel	Lane Rural Fire/Rescue
Vice-President	JoAnna Kamppi	Eugene Fire and EMS
Treasurer	Tim Welch	Lane County Fire District #1
Secretary	Katy Johnson	MoHawk Valley Fire

### Members at Large:

Keith Hoehn	Lowell Fire and Rescue
Scott Hollett	Oakridge Fire
Mark Boren	Lane County Fire District #1
Laurie Monico	Springfield Fire and Life Safety
Joe Raade	South Lane Fire and Rescue
Dale Beam	McKenzie EASE

## LIFESAVING

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

**This year's recipient:  
Miguel Bautista Jr., EMT-I**



On Friday June 29 2012, employees at PacifiCorp in Portland, Oregon responded to a medical emergency of a fellow co-worker. They realized that something was seriously wrong and asked for help. Miguel Bautista, Jr. Volunteer EMT and Firefighter responded along with Medical First Aid Responders. Miguel started with a patient assessment while instructing the other three employees to call 9-1-1 and assist emergency responders to gain access into the secure building.

Mr. Bautista utilized his EMT training and assessment skills and performed the Cincinnati Stroke Test to discover that his co-worker was indeed having a stroke. He continued to medically assess and support his co-worker and in addition, he provided two sets of vital signs along with additional patient information to the responding Paramedics and Firefighters who transported the patient.

If Mr. Bautista and his co-workers had not decided to intervene this man's destiny would have been quite different. The actions taken by Mr. Bautista expedited the process of emergency care and ultimately resulted in the survival and recovery of Mr. Bautista's co-worker.



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**This year's recipient: Lee Ann Berg, EMT-I  
Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD**



One morning in late October of 2011, 3 friends were sawing lumber when one of them stepped back and collapsed. On an ordinary day, the nearest ambulance would have been 12 to 15 minutes out. That day Medic 462 was touring the district with a systems specialist from Columbia 9-1-1. Medic 462 was on scene 2 minutes and 49 seconds after initial tones. Division Chief Lee Ann Berg determined good bystander CPR was in progress. She placed the AED and directed continuation of the code. A shock was advised and administered; CPR was resumed; another shock was advised and the patient was moved rapidly to the ambulance in the wake of the second shock.

In the ambulance, the AED advised another shock; it was given and CPR was resumed. Before the end of that cycle of CPR, it was obvious their efforts paid off, the patient began to breathe and move on his own. An Advanced Life Support crew from Metro West Ambulance met M462 and assisted in preparing the patient for a transport by Life Flight.

Chief Berg is deserving of the Lifesaving award for her actions and her experience as an EMT- I to bring this individual back to life. Because of her actions this patient was able to celebrate Christmas at home with his family. Lea Ann Berg has been serving Oregon EMS as a member of the Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD since 1979.



## MEDAL OF VALOR

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

**This year's recipient(s):** Leon Eichler, Paramedic  
Patrick Traeger, EMT  
John Ellich, Paramedic

On January 28, 2012, at 17:50, Albany Fire Department responded to a water rescue at Hyak Park in floodwater conditions on the Willamette River. The 9-1-1 caller reported that he was kayaking with two others when one of them fell out of his boat and was unable to get back in. He was unsure where on the river the other two kayakers were located.

Engine 12 responded downstream to Tadena Boat Landing. Using floodlights they spotted a man in the middle of the river in his kayak with another person draped over the front. The two victims were a father and his 15 year old son who was clinging to his father's kayak. Both were wearing personal flotation devices. A few minutes later, their kayak struck a log-jam at a railroad trestle in the middle of the river. Both father and son were separated from the kayak and left floating in the 41 degree water.

Boat 11 launched from Hyak Park and located the father downstream who told rescuers he lost sight of his son toward the middle of the river. After rescuing the father, Boat 11 headed mid-stream and spotted his son. By this time the 15 year old had been in the cold water for about an hour. EMT Pat Traeger grabbed the boy from the water and the crew helped pull him into the boat. Along with the boy's father, Paramedic John Ellich and Paramedic Leon Eichler performed CPR, while EMT Traeger drove the boat to Bowman Park where the Medic 13 crew assumed patient care.

At the hospital, Albany Fire Department medics assisted by performing continuous CPR for well over an hour. The 15 year old boy made a full recovery at Doernbecher Children's Hospital. The team work and diligence exhibited in this rescue exemplify why EMT Patrick Traeger, Paramedic John Ellich and Paramedic Leon Eichler are deserving of the Oregon EMS Medal of Valor.

## MEDAL OF VALOR



**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: Lesa Cahill, Paramedic Training Officer, Lakeview Disaster Unit**



Lakeview Disaster Unit is honored to have Lesa Cahill serve as the volunteer Training Officer. She is an outstanding educator who has been a constant driving force ensuring that quality training is provided year after year to the isolated community.

With a passion for learning and experience in the field, she is a fantastic teacher and leader. Always engaging, she has the natural ability to ask questions that encourage her audience to participate and think on their feet. Lesa is able to connect with all skill levels, and understands each scope of practice to be sure that everyone participates at their level.

In a small agency with 40 volunteers, it is vital to provide outstanding education to the dedicated volunteers. It is clear that the volunteers of Lakeview Disaster Unit sincerely appreciate Lesa and her selfless work that has bettered our community.

Lesa has true dedication, and that's what makes her leadership so exemplary.

## PROVIDER OF THE YEAR – EMT

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

**This year's recipient: Alex Dustin, EMT  
Medix Ambulance, Inc.**



On a daily basis, EMT Alex Dustin interacts with other EMTs and paramedics in the field, as well as nurses, doctors, and other hospital support staff. In his time at Medix, he has developed a reputation for a positive and cheerful attitude, and is well liked and respected by his coworkers and health care peers. Mr. Dustin is an intelligent, cooperative, and highly motivated member of team.

EMT Alex Dustin has distinguished himself on numerous emergency scenes. His fellow EMTs voted him Medix Ambulance EMT of the Year for 2011. He has a wonderful relationship with his partners, patients, and their families and provides care to the highest Medix standards. Alex makes the job easier for his partner on a daily basis with his calm demeanor in the face of stressful situations and remains cheerful at the most grueling of times. It is the distinct pleasure of Medix Ambulance to nominate Alex Dustin for EMT of the Year.

EMT Alex Dustin represents what the emergency services profession is all about; demonstrating a level of compassion and leadership that is exemplary.



## PROVIDER OF THE YEAR – EMT INTERMEDIATE

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

**This year's recipient:  
Miguel Bautista, Jr. EMT -I  
Marion County Fire District #1**



There are two words used to describe EMT-I Miguel Bautista Jr. They are Dedicated and Determined. Mr. Bautista in his short period of time has completed his Bachelor's degree in Fire Science, volunteered for duty with the Marion County Fire District and also volunteers with the Turner Fire District. In addition he has completed a year-long internship with the City of Portland Fire and Rescue's EMS office, all while continuing to hold a full time position with PacifiCorp.

As you can see, Mr. Bautista is obviously someone who in the time of a single day, makes the most of every second that he has available count. That is dedication and determination. Miguel continues to evolve and has gone above the call of duty by being an inspiration to his co-workers and other EMTs.



## PROVIDER OF THE YEAR – PARAMEDIC

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

**This year's recipient: Brandy Bump, Paramedic  
Medix Ambulance, Inc.**



From her first shift with Medix, Paramedic Brandy Bump exhibited an enthusiasm and passion for the EMS field rarely seen. She consistently brings a positive and energetic attitude to work, and can always be counted on for a kind and encouraging word. Brandy's clinical skills are without question and provide for the highest level of care to her patients.

Brandy is extremely well liked and respected by her co-workers and healthcare peers. Her fellow EMTs and Paramedics have voted her Medix Ambulance Paramedic of the Year for the last two years. She is reliable and demonstrates a phenomenal health care ethic. Ms. Bump is one of the most energetic, cheerful, and intelligent members of the Medix team.

It is the distinct pleasure of Medix Ambulance to nominate Paramedic Brandy Bump at the state level. She exemplifies the best of our field with her paramedic skills, caring and compassionate bedside manner, and efficient use of resources and decision making. It is Brandy's everyday actions as a Paramedic that contribute to her continued success. She is an exceptional member of the Medix family.



## EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

*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: Dr. Doug Lieuallen, M.D.  
Medical Director for Jefferson County EMS  
District, Jefferson County Fire District #1, South  
Sherman County Fire, Big Muddy Ranch and  
Three Rivers Fire District**



The members of Jefferson County Emergency Medical Services District take great pride in nominating Dr. Doug Lieuallen, MD for the 2012 EMS Medical Director of the Year. Dr. Lieuallen has served as the Medical Director for JCEMS for well over 16 years. He has served as Medical Director for even a longer period of time for the Jefferson County Fire District #1. In the past few years Dr. Lieuallen has added to his work load South Sherman County Fire, Big Muddy Ranch and Three Rivers Fire District.

Dr. Lieuallen has experience working on an ambulance. Before starting his practice in Madras he served as a physician with Indian Health Services in Warm Springs. There Dr. Lieuallen actually staffed the ambulance and responded to calls. This past experience gives him valued insight into the complexity and difficulties in the EMS realm. He understands, appreciates and greatly supports the EMS providers he supervises.

During his tenure, Dr. Lieuallen has always kept abreast to the concerns facing the EMTs and Paramedics working under his protocols. He interacts regularly with those under his charge at Case Reviews and special meetings, and continuously gives needed council when required. When issues like drug shortages occur, Dr. Lieuallen is quick to address the issue and provide direction and the means to correct problems and operate efficiently.

## EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Dr. Lieuallen works as a liaison with the medical staff at the local hospital and surrounding medical facilities. He shares with those in his charge concerns or recommendations of the ER medical staff, as well as defend and support the actions of his subordinates. When needed, Dr. Lieuallen delivers appropriate yet just counsel or corrective measures.

Dr. Lieuallen has practiced medicine in Jefferson County for a very long time and has the respect of the staff at Mt. View Hospital, the surrounding medical communities, the agencies in which he oversees, and the community as whole. His contributions to this community and the EMS agencies are countless including work with Kiwanis, Boy Scouts and Habitat for Humanity. His professional interests include cardiovascular care, intensive care and diabetes as well as Emergency Medical Services.

Dr. Lieuallen is very deserving of such an award as the 2012 Oregon EMS Medical Director of the Year for his years of service and unwavering commitment to EMS.



## DIRECTOR'S MEDAL

*The Director's Medal honors and recognizes an individual for particularly noteworthy and substantial contribution to the EMS system of the State of Oregon.*

**This year's recipient: Dr. Ritu Sahni, M.D., MPH**

**Oregon EMS & Trauma State Medical Director  
2007-2012**



In 2007 the State of Oregon, Oregon Public Health Division's Emergency Medical Services & Trauma Systems Section hired the first EMS State Medical Director.

Dr. Ritu Sahni, MD., MPH hit the floor running. Among his many responsibilities and while serving as the State EMS and Trauma Medical Director, Dr. Sahni also practiced medicine as an associate professor of emergency medicine at Oregon Health & Science University, and currently serves as medical director for the Lake Oswego Fire Department. In 2010, Dr. Sahni was elected as president-elect of the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP). Previously he was Chairman of its Standards and Practice Committee. In addition he is a member of the board of directors for the Advocates for Emergency Medical Services, a coalition of major EMS organizations dedicated to promoting, educating and increasing awareness among decision-makers in Washington, D.C., on issues affecting EMS providers.

Dr. Sahni graduated from the University of Michigan and attended medical school at Tulane. He did his emergency medicine residency and an EMS fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh. He is currently a full time emergency room physician for Providence Hospital in Portland, OR.

Dr. Sahni not only goes into Oregon's EMS history book as the first Oregon EMS & Trauma State Medical Director, he represented the State with knowledge and passion for the EMS mission.

## DIRECTOR'S MEDAL

He managed the supervising physicians' forums and conducted activities to train and educate local emergency medical services medical directors, provided technical support for EMS staff, and served as a member of the state Emergency Healthcare Taskforce. He worked diligently to raise the bar on the quality and availability of emergency care in Oregon.

It is not an exaggeration to say that Dr. Sahni is one of the most influential physicians in the history of Oregon EMS. It is impossible to list all of the positive ways he has influenced EMS, whether working at the agency level or representing the State on National Committees, Dr. Sahni is known as an involved, passionate contributor. It is with honor and gratitude that the Oregon EMS and Trauma System recognize Dr. Ritu Sahni for his noteworthy and substantial contributions to the EMS system and to the State of Oregon by presenting him with the Director's Medal. With sincere appreciation and gratitude for your groundbreaking service from 2007 to 2012, thank you Dr. Sahni.



## LAST CALL

Francie Bailey, EMT- I

Reeth M. Jackson, Paramedic

Garet G. Rasmussen, Paramedic

Nate P. Turner, Paramedic

Buddy R. Herron, EMR

Ed C. Coyle, Paramedic

Tyler D.Chapman, EMR

Vern F. Bowers, EMR

Tyler Wurzell, Paramedic