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### OSP Bend Fish & Wildlife Trooper Receives Department's Lifesaving Award for Pulling Woman and Child From Burning Vehicle



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(Left to right: Shannon Jackman, Kendall, & Trooper Travis Ring)

A Bend-area Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish & Wildlife Division trooper received the Department's "**Harold R. Berg Lifesaving Award**" for his heroic, lifesaving action responding to a fiery injury traffic crash east of Bend. The trooper's actions, assisted by an off-duty Oregon National Guard member, saved the lives of a mother and her 6-year old child.

On August 1, 2014, Major Travis Hampton presented the "**Harold R. Berg Lifesaving Award**" to **Trooper Travis Ring** at the Bend Area Command office. In attendance for the presentation was the mother and child saved following the February 2014 traffic crash. The lifesaving award is presented to OSP employees who distinguish themselves by performing or reacting to a situation in a positive and professional manner which saves, or reduces the risk of loss of life of another person; and, where a strong possibility existed that if such action wasn't taken, loss of life or serious injury would have resulted.

On **February 21, 2014 at approximately 5:10 p.m.**, OSP Trooper Travis Ring witnessed a two-vehicle injury traffic crash at the intersection of Highway 20 and Ward Road east of Bend. A fire was immediately visible starting in the engine compartment of a vehicle occupied by SHANNON JACKMAN, age 50, from Bend, and her 6-year old daughter, KENDALL.

As the fire grew in intensity, Trooper Ring, with the assistance of Oregon National Guard Staff Sergeant Joshua Mosley, broke out a window. Ring and Mosley removed the woman and the child before the fire spread into the passenger compartment prior

to Bend firefighters arrival. Both were taken to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

During the frightening scenario, Ring exhibited extraordinary leadership and courage that helped the woman and child be confident that they would be rescued. Afterward, SHANNON JACKMAN told OSP that the smoke was suffocating and her daughter was screaming at her, telling her not to die when she overheard the trooper say he would take care of them. She said that without their help, she would not have been able to get out of the car.

Captain Jeff Samuels, director of the OSP Fish & Wildlife Division, praised the trooper for his professionalism and calm in the face of danger.

"Trooper Ring took control of a life-threatening situation, provided clear direction to assisting citizens and was a calming reassurance to the mother and her daughter while rescuing them from their burning vehicle. He is a dedicated member of the Fish & Wildlife Division who is not only responsible for protecting our natural resources, but, like all of our troopers, he is devoted to serving the public and protecting lives. I am very proud of him and admire his lifesaving actions," said Samuels.

Trooper Ring, age 36, joined OSP on May 1, 2006, with an initial assignment to the Fish & Wildlife Division at the Arlington office. In September 2009, he transferred to the Bend Area Command office.

The "**Harold R. Berg Lifesaving Award**" is named after Lieutenant Harold R. Berg who died May 10, 1975. Berg, while off duty at a family outing near Tillamook, was contacted by a citizen who informed him that a boy scout was missing at Cape Lookout State Park. While attempting to search a cave near the water's edge, he was washed out to sea. ([http://www.oregon.gov/osp/pages/harold\\_berg.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/osp/pages/harold_berg.aspx))

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