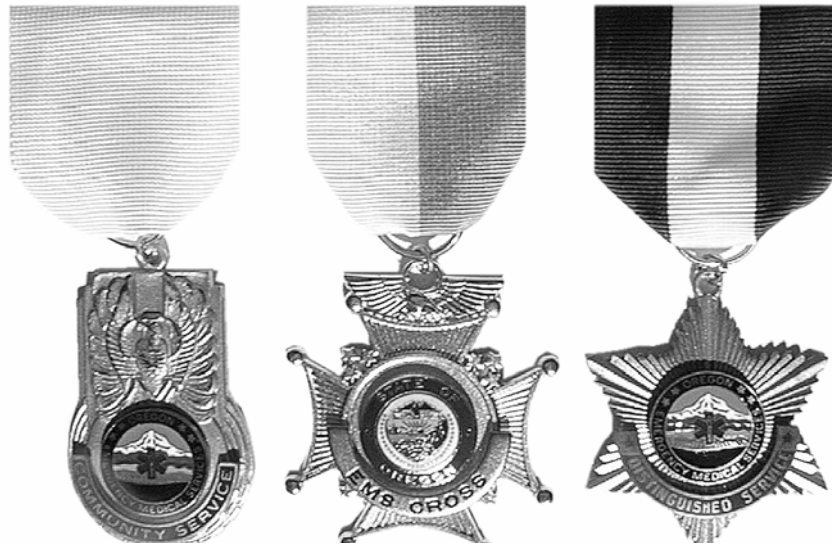




2009 State EMS Awards Banquet



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 EMS Systems whose acts and deeds stand out from the day-to-day excellence of that system.

The 2008 EMS Awards Program *Book of Recognition* memorializes the recipients of EMS program awards during the award cycle of June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008. Listed in the succeeding pages are brief descriptions of the awards presented and 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 our calling and profession.

We would like to thank the following people for their participation on the awards selection committee:

- Peggy Andrews representing the College Consortium
- Tina Greiner representing the Oregon Volunteer Fire Association
- Dave Lapof representing the 2009 EMS Conference Planning Committee
- Jan Lee representing the Oregon State Ambulance Association
- Patty Petersen representing the Oregon Area Health Education Centers
- Scott Shepherd representing the Oregon Fire Medical Administrators Association

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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.

Name: Danielle Earle, EMT-I and Matthew House, EMT-P
Agency: Western Lane Ambulance District



On March 9, 2009, Matthew House, Paramedic, and Danielle Earle, Intermediate, from Western Lane Ambulance District, were bringing a patient into the Peace Harbor Hospital Emergency Department.

Upon arrival it was apparent the Emergency Department was very busy as there was no one available to direct them to a room.

They were in the process of moving their patient onto the bed when the patient in the adjoining bed said he was feeling faint. Mr. House peeked around the curtain and noted that the patient had lost consciousness and the monitor showing the patient's heart rhythm went from non-lethal to lethal V-fib.

Mr. House immediately got the Crash Cart while Ms. Earle wheeled their original patient into the hallway and called for a Code, alerting the Emergency Room crew there was a life threatening problem. Unbeknownst to them, the Emergency

Department Physician was helping the Operating Room run a Code and was not available. Mr. House took control, charging the defibrillator and applying one shock to the patient, thus bringing him out of a lethal heart rhythm into a viable heart rhythm. Ms. Earle continued providing care to their original patient, calming her in this trying ordeal.

The Emergency Department Physician rushed in and noted the patient had responded well to the shock and he then continued his evaluation and management. Again the patient went into a lethal heart rhythm. Under the Doctor's supervision, the heart was shocked a second time with Mr. House assisting with CPR and an Epinephrine injection.

During the transfer to RiverBend in Eugene, the patient's heart and blood pressure were good with no signs of ill effect, all thanks to the quick thinking and expertise of two well-trained Emergency Medical Technicians.

