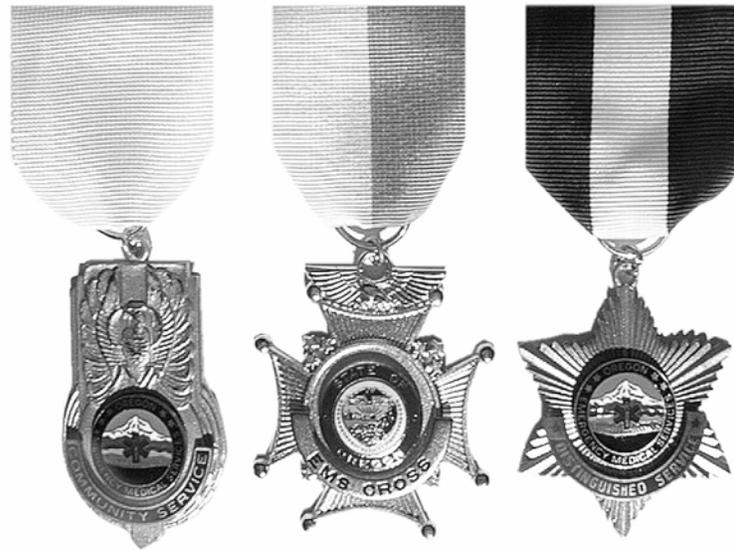


# Oregon EMS Awards



## Program Manual

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# OREGON EMS AWARDS PROGRAM

## INTRODUCTION

Each year, many people contribute and perform notable acts in Oregon's EMS system. These acts include service to the EMS system through leadership, participation in system development, improvement, and through exceptional performance of prehospital care duties. Unfortunately, these good acts and deeds frequently go unrecognized.

This program provides a mechanism through which extraordinary acts and meritorious service in the Oregon EMS system can be recognized. Various categories of awards are described below. The eligibility and award criteria are explained for each category of award.

The community, EMS providers, supervisors and managers are encouraged to be alert to the opportunity to recognize outstanding acts or performances by nominating the responsible individual or agency for an award in the appropriate type and category. **If selected, the nominator sponsors the recipient's banquet cost.**

Award recipients will be honored at the annual Oregon EMS Conference's banquet held September of each year.

You may obtain additional copies of this document on the Internet at

<http://oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ems/>

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## **A. PROCESS**

### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

Awards are presented at the annual Oregon EMS Awards Ceremony. When requested, by local government or EMS agency officials, materials may be presented at an appropriate local awards function as authorized by Department of Human Services EMS & Trauma Systems section.

Individual Achievement Recognition Awards are authorized for wear by individuals who meet the qualifications set for herein.

### **DISPLAY OF AWARDS**

Civilian and Uniformed EMS personnel who have received awards are authorized, to wear the corresponding ribbon on business attire and service and dress uniforms, subject to individual agency uniform regulations. Ribbons are to be worn above the top seam of the right breast pocket. Recipients of multiple awards shall wear the award in descending order of precedence from upper left to lower right.

### **UNAUTHORIZED DISPLAY OF AWARDS**

Certified First Responders and EMTs who wear or otherwise display awards to which they are not entitled shall be subject to disciplinary action under ORS 682.220.

### **NOMINATION PROCESS**

*The incident must have occurred between the dates of June 1 of the prior year through May 31, of the current year to qualify.* For a nomination to be considered for presentation at the annual Oregon EMS Awards Ceremony, the Oregon Emergency Medical Services & Trauma Systems section must receive a nomination no later than May 31 of the current year. **Nominators are expected to sponsor nominee's banquet costs if selected.**

Direct all nominations and supporting documentation to:

**Department of Human Services  
Emergency Medical Services & Trauma Systems  
Attention: AWARDS PROGRAM  
800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 465  
Portland, OR 97232**

### **Nominations require the following items:**

1. All nominees must be in good standing with the Oregon EMS certification program. Please check with the office for status before submitting nomination.

2. Award Nomination Form with all the requested information (*Category for nomination **must** be indicated on form*).
3. Not more than three typewritten pages of background narrative and supporting documentation. Media award nominations may exceed the page limitation and may include VCR tapes of TV footage, cassette recordings of radio reporting, or photocopies of print media stories.
4. Brief *electronic* synopsis (300 words or less) of the event or individual contribution for use in the preparation of the award presentation.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

A selection workgroup consisting of staff from DHS-EMS and selected individuals will review materials, and make final recommendations to the section. Letters to the nominators will be sent as appropriate for each nominee.

All materials become the property of the Department of Human Services, EMS & Trauma Systems section. The Department may decline to issue an award in any category, or may present an award of a more appropriate category than that for which the nomination was made.

## **IF SELECTED**

1. The electronic synopsis listed above will be used in the book of recognition available at the awards' ceremony.
2. The sponsor of the nominee will need to supply, if possible, a digital or scanable photo of the nominee and the logo of the organization they represent. These photos will be used for the book of recognition and the power point used at the awards' ceremony

## **B. STATEWIDE PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

### **1. DIRECTOR'S MEDAL**

This award recognizes an individual for particularly noteworthy and substantial contributions to the EMS system of the State of Oregon. Awarded by the State EMS Director and EMS Medical Director. *A maximum of one Director's Medal will be awarded each year.* Uniformed EMS personnel receiving the Director's Medal are authorized to wear the Director's Medal as outlined on page seven.

***Eligible to receive:*** Physicians, nurses, EMTs, other medical providers, local officials, members of the law enforcement community, citizen/consumers, and First Responders.

***To make recommendation:*** State the nominee 's relationship to the EMS system, the type of service or acts for which the nomination is being made and provide supporting documentation where appropriate.

### **2. EMS IMPACT AWARD**

This award honors an individual who has made a substantial contribution to Oregon's efforts to develop a statewide EMS system. *A maximum of one EMS Impact Award will be presented each year.* Uniformed EMS personnel receiving the EMS Impact Award are authorized to wear the Director's Medal as outlined on page seven.

***Eligible to receive:*** Oregon First Responders, EMTs, system administrators, physicians, nurses, local officials, etc.

***To nominate:*** Identify the individual's contributions, achievements, roles in EMS and why he/she is deserving of the honor. Uniformed EMS personnel receiving the EMS Impact Award are authorized to wear the Director 's Medal.

### **3. EMS COMMITMENT TO QUALITY AWARD**

This 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. *A maximum of one EMS Commitment to Quality Award will be presented each year.* Uniformed EMS personnel receiving the EMS Commitment to Quality Award are authorized to wear EMS Commitment to Quality Medal as outlined on page seven.

***Eligible to receive:*** An Oregon EMS system or EMS service, unit, or sub-unit.

Recipients may be a prehospital, hospital, or systems agency.

***To nominate:*** Describe the service area, provide a brief synopsis of each of the system or service components and provide data or supporting evidence which speaks to system or service excellence. Members of an agency that receives this award are authorized to wear the EMS Commitment to Quality bar.

#### **4. EMS PROVIDER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Honors an individual First Responder, EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic, each of whom are exemplary in his or her quality of patient care and/or dedication to their community. *A maximum of one Award per certification level will be presented each year.*

***Eligible to receive:*** Any Oregon certified First Responder or EMT.

***To nominate:*** Anyone can nominate a First Responder or EMT for this award by describing the nominee 's qualities and contributions to the local EMS service or system. Letters of support from fellow EMTs, local service directors, medical directors, and local officials will be weighed heavily. Uniformed EMS personnel who receive this award are authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal as outlined on page seven.

#### **5. “GAIL MARSH MADSEN AWARD” - EMS EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR**

This award honors an EMS educator (either a pre-service EMT instructor or in-service trainer) who excels as a teacher, or who has made a significant contribution to EMS education in Oregon. *A maximum of one award will be presented each year.*

***Eligible to receive:*** An active EMS educator or EMS training officer.

***To nominate:*** Include all specific background and achievements which delineate why the nominee is deserving of the award. Uniformed EMS personnel who receive this award authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal as outlined on page seven.

#### **6. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

This award honors a physician (MD or DO) who serves or has served the Oregon EMS system by providing medical direction, on-line or off-line, and who has served with distinction. *A maximum of one Award will be presented each year.*

***Eligible to receive:*** An Oregon licensed physician (MD or DO) who serves or has served meritoriously as an EMS physician supervisor or on-line medical control physician and who has made a special contribution through such activities as systems development, continuing education, quality assurance, medical community liaison, etc.

***To nominate:*** Detail the special contributions or meritorious service of the nominee and provide supporting documentation if appropriate. Physician recipients of this award are authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal with civilian clothing as outlined on page seven.

## **7. EMS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**

This award honors an EMS system administrator who has distinguished themselves through noteworthy contribution to a local, regional, or the statewide EMS system. *A maximum of one Award will be presented each year.*

***Eligible to receive this award:*** Oregon EMS system administrators including supervisory, operations, planning, or management personnel.

***To nominate:*** Identify the individual 's contributions, achievements, role in EMS and why he or she is deserving of the honor. Uniformed EMS personnel receiving the Administrator 's Award are authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal as outlined on page seven.

## **8. MEDIA RECOGNITION AWARD**

This award honors the news media and/or its reporters who have supported EMS through knowledgeable, accurate, and supportive reporting. *A maximum of one Award will be presented each year.*

***Eligible to receive:*** Any TV, radio or newspaper and/or reporter in any Oregon media market.

***To nominate:*** Detail the contribution(s) of the nominee to the positive image of EMS. Specific impact on EMS should be especially noted and include samples of work if possible, VCR recordings of TV, cassette recording of radio or copies of stories of print media nominees. The documentation may exceed three pages for this award only, due to the nature of the award. Recipients of this award are authorized to wear the Civilian Service Medal as outlined on page seven.

## **9. COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:**

This award recognizes an EMT who has made outstanding commitment to non-patient care aspects of a community 's EMS system. Special emphasis is on EMS Public Information, Education, and Relations. *A maximum of two Awards will be conferred in any one year.*

***Eligible to receive:*** Any Oregon certified First Responder or EMT.

***To nominate:*** State the nominee 's relationship to the EMS system, the type of service or acts for which the nomination is being made and provide supporting documentation where appropriate. Recipients of this award are authorized to wear the Community Service Medal as outlined on page seven.

## **10. MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL:**

This award recognizes an individual for a particular act of meritorious service in EMS. *A maximum of two Awards will be presented each year.*

***Eligible to receive:*** Physicians, nurses, First Responders, EMTs, other medical providers, local officials, members of the law enforcement community, citizens, and consumers.

***To nominate:*** State the nominee 's relationship to the EMS system, the type of service or acts for which the nomination is being made and provide supporting documentation where appropriate. Recipients of this award are authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal as outlined on page seven.

## **11. EMS CROSS**

This award recognizes an EMT who by act and deed represents the most outstanding achievement in EMS over an extended period of time. This is the highest award that can be conferred in the absence of extreme conditions and extraordinary circumstances. *A maximum of two Awards will be presented each year.*

***Eligible to receive:*** Physicians, nurses, EMTs, other medical providers, local officials, members of the law enforcement community, citizens, consumers, and First Responders.

***To nominate:*** State the nominee 's relationship to the EMS system, the type of service or acts for which the nomination is being made and provide supporting documentation where appropriate. Recipients of this award are authorized to wear the EMS Cross Medal as outlined on page seven.

## **B. INCIDENT BASED AWARDS (Special EMS Service Awards)**

These awards honor special advocacy, meritorious acts, heroic acts, innovations, or new approaches to improve EMS in Oregon or other unique and/or significant contributions.

***Eligible to receive:*** Physicians, nurses, First Responders, EMTs, other medical providers, local officials, members of the law enforcement community, citizen, and consumers.

***To nominate:*** State the nominee 's relationship to the EMS system, the type of service or acts for which the nomination is being made and provide supporting documentation where appropriate. *A maximum of two Awards will be conferred each year per category unless noted.*

### **1. MEDAL OF VALOR:**

This award recognizes an act of personal valor or heroism in the delivery of line emergency medical care, and in good judgment results in the saving of a life under extreme conditions and in extraordinary circumstances. Recipients of this award are authorized to wear the Medal of Valor as outlined on page seven.

### **2. LIFESAVING MEDAL:**

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. Recipients of this award are authorized to wear the Lifesaving Medal as outlined on page seven.

### **3. EMS UNIT CITATION:**

This award recognizes acts of organizations, units, or specially constituted teams in providing emergency prehospital care under extreme circumstances. *A maximum of two Unit Citation events will be recognized each year.* Uniformed EMS personnel receiving the EMS Unit Citation are authorized to wear the Unit Citation bar as outlined on page seven.

### **4. CIVILIAN SERVICE MEDAL:**

This award recognizes a civilian (non-certified, non-health care provider) who provides extraordinary service during the course of an EMS emergency. Recipients of this award are authorized to wear the Civilian Service Medal as outlined on page seven.

## **C. MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS**

The Department of Human Service's Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Section may also present certificates of recognition, appreciation, or other awards as dictated by particular circumstances. These awards are typically not presented at the awards banquet but received by mail. Examples include Years of Service at 10/15/20/25/30 years, and Excellence in Education above an A.A.S degree.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEMS  
**NOMINATION FOR AWARD**  
**Nomination Due by May 31 of the current year**

**NOMINEE DATA:**

Name:	EMT Level	Certification #:
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
EMS Agency Affiliation:		
Rank:	Position:	Title:

**NOMINATED FOR:**

**Professional Achievement Award**

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**Incident based Award**

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**Miscellaneous Awards**

- Years of Service 10/15/20 years
- Excellence in Education (above Associate Degree)
- Last Call

**NOMINATED BY:**

Name:	EMT Level:	Certification #:
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone #: (    )	Fax #: (    )	
E-Mail Address:		
EMS Agency Affiliation:		
Rank:	Position:	Title:
Relationship to Nominee:		

I hereby nominate the individual named above for the award indicated. Documentation of the basis for this nomination is attached in accordance with the requirements of the Oregon EMS Awards Program Manual. I certify that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and is provided based upon information personally known to me. Nominators are expected to sponsor nominee's banquet costs if selected.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_