

Ismaili recognized at State Medical Service Conference

On the evening of Sept. 28 at the annual Oregon State Emergency Medical Services Conference in Salem, Oregon, Division Chief Kamron Ismaili was presented the Life Saving Award. Ismaili's actions were credited for saving two lives in an off duty rescue while vacationing in California. Ismaili brought great credit upon himself, I.V. Fire Department (IVFD) and the Oregon Emergency Medical Service (EMS) community. The award citation is below:

On July 13, 2017, Ismaili, IVFD, was on vacation in California when he came upon a rollover accident. With no personal protective equipment or rescue gear he quickly assessed that two of the three occupants were partially ejected and pinned under the vehicle. The driver's head was pinned under the roof. The patient was still alive but in severe respiratory distress. One of the passenger's legs was pinned on the opposite side. Ismaili quickly determined the driver needed rapid extrication and could not wait for local fire and EMS to respond due to the rural location of the accident.

Without any rescue tools, he quickly devised a plan using field workers and spare tires to lift and brace the vehicle. The driver was removed then the passengers. The driver was critical but respirations were restored. Ismaili



(Courtesy photo for the Illinois Valley News)

Division Chief Kamron Ismaili (center)

continued to provide emergency medical care until arrival of local EMS. The driver was airlifted to a trauma center and the passengers were transported by ground ambulance.

Division Chief Ismaili's quick assessment and innovative thinking saved the driver's life. He was credited by on-scene EMS for his leadership and skills as an emergency medical technician.

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