



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

It gets harder all the time to get new volunteers into the fire service. Volunteering takes a lot of work on the training end, but is well rewarded with great camaraderie, pride and strong feelings of accomplishment with a well-done rescue or fire call. **Contact your local fire department to find out how to volunteer**

2016 PROVIDER OF THE YEAR AWARD - EMR

The EMS Provider of the Year Award honors an individual EMR, EMT, AEMT, EMT-1 and/or Paramedic of whom displays exemplary dedication in his or her quality of patient care and service to their community.



2016 recipient: William Boone of Hamlet Rural Volunteer Fire Department

William Boone (right) moved to Hamlet in 1974 and began his fire service career in 1975 as a volunteer, joining the Hamlet Fire board in 1978, serving 8 years as he continued rising through the ranks to the position in 1991. He has held his fire chief position for 26 years and is highly respected in the Hamlet community, surrounding districts, and well beyond. Chief Boone has seen many challenges throughout his career with the Hamlet Fire Department, through his dedication has managed to outfit the district with modern equipment on a limited budget, build the Necanicum fire station under his contractor's license and continues to recruit new volunteers into a close family of fire fighters and community members. He has helped expand the

department's equipment from what originally was a truck, a jeep and some military surplus to what is now, two facilities for housing trucks, a new pumper and a rescue rig. He also has overseen grant writing and fundraising, crucial to keeping the department going. Bill is currently the longest standing volunteer fire chief in Oregon and the only volunteer fire chief in Clatsop County.

Along with these accomplishments, Chief Boone recognized the need to obtain more medical training and in 2008 received his First Responder Certification. As a current EMR, the Chief still responds to calls and works hands on alongside his fire and EMS crew. While, Chief Boone officially retired from the Hamlet Fire District on August 17 of 2016 as Fire Chief, he remains an active volunteer and supporter of the district. His long years of support and energy for his district have made a great difference in the community.

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Thank you to Holly Larkins, left, for coordinating with our local fire stations to get group photos of the firefighters that protect us and information about them and their equipment.

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