

The 2014 Oklahoma EMT Basic of the Year awarded to Joe Arnold

EMT's, firemen, and hospital personnel gathered Tuesday evening, August 19, to celebrate achievements for a two outstanding positions within the Oklahoma Emergency Medical Technician Association (OEMTA). The Beaver County EMS is a chapter of the organization and attended the Public Safety Update held in Tulsa earlier in August. The OEMTA hosted a three-day event which included presentations and classes for every level of the emergency medical services with special speakers from the emergency medical services across the country and internationally. The OEMTA also announces several awards from the different levels and responsibilities of the emergency responders. This year there were two nominated from the Beaver County EMS.

Oklahoma's EMT-Basic of the Year is described as "a very humble person who gives unselfishly of their time and sets an excellent example for all of us to follow, respect and admire. There are very conscientious in their actions and even though they may have personal or family events happening, they still show up to help out in any way possible. One might say that this person is the rock and cornerstone of Beaver County EMS. This person has been with the Beaver County EMS since March of 1998. He is one of their main extrication people and very conscientious about scene safety. A mechanic by trade, he has helped with mechanical issues on a unit and even brought his service truck to help change or replace a flat tire. He is ALWAYS there when needed to be that extra set of hands, even if he isn't on call. His knowledge and caring for patients goes beyond what needs to be done...carefully handling the patient and their families and giving them the quiet assurance that everything that can be done is being done for their loved one. This compassion for the patient and their family goes beyond the call of duty and extends over into the service itself, making Beaver County EMS a better place to serve."

OEMTA also recognizes EMS Directors and this year David Glascock of Beaver County EMS was awarded Runner-up for OEMTA EMS Director of the year. David was described as "having been with Beaver County EMS for 22 years with 20 of those years being the administrator of the service. He has seen the EMS through some lean times and he has worked to keep the equipment into shape and all the details of the organization going throughout this time. When there is a call, David will respond no matter who is on call. If he is not on call, he is there as a support person, encouraging the on-call people or being the "go-fer" for them. David is primarily on-call during the 8:00 am – 5:00 pm shift when most of the volunteers are at work. He also takes call for the various times that is needed and also takes call when one of his EMTs have an emergency or has to be gone. This leaves little time for his other full-time job as a Church of Christ Minister but he embraces EMS and knows that he is a patient advocate and does what he can for them. His compassion for caring for the patient and their family is abundant. David has been an integral part of getting the EMS service in Beaver County equipped with good equipment and personnel. David has helped to acquire two new ambulances recently with the service only having to pay part of the cost for them. He has also been a part of getting a CT machine in the Beaver Hospital so the patients can have this service at home thus saving the patient and provider time, especially

in instances where time is of the essence. David takes the time to get to know his EMTs and to offer what he can, to help them. He has also held EMT classes, AHA classes, and has attended a debriefing class to help the EMTs along with fire departments and police/sheriff's departments, when dealing with issues resulting from a troubled run. David is there for a person whether they are a patient, family member of a patient, or one of the EMT's that are serving with him within the Beaver County EMS. As the Beaver County EMS, we nominate David Glascock for this award."

The Beaver County Hospital Authority congratulates these EMTs for the recognition that they have received and is very appreciative to them and the rest of the Beaver County EMS for the work they do for Beaver County. Congratulations Joe and David and THANK YOU to the rest of the Beaver County EMS personnel.

The award for the Oklahoma EMT Basic of the year was sponsored by EagleMed.



Left to right: Bill Greenfield, Beaver County OEMTA President & OEMTA board member, Alissa Schlessman, Beaver County Hospital Authority Administrator, Joe Arnold, OEMTA Basic of the Year, David Glascock, Beaver County EMS Director & OEMTA Director of the Year Runner-up, Cindy Landgraff , Eagle Med Representative