

Maine EMS Excellence Awards

LORI METAYER

Lori holds a bachelor's degree in nursing, as well as a master's degree in health care administration, and is also licensed as a Paramedic and a Critical Care Flight Nurse/Paramedic. (You can learn more about the latter, by calling in to the Maine EMS Memorial & Education Center audio tour at (207) 480-3104 and selecting Stop #27 to listen to Lori describe what she does, in her own words). A member of the Association of Critical Care Transport, Lori also serves on their Public Relations Committee. She has worked in the past as Manager of LifeFlight's Lewiston base, and continues to serve as a LifeFlight nurse/paramedic wherever she may be needed "to bring the ICU to the patient, anywhere in Maine."

Under the direction of Mark Lanzieri, MD, a cardiac interventionalist at the

Lewiston-based Central Maine Heart and Vascular Institute, Lori is also part of a team providing critical care beyond Maine's borders. Through Dr. Lanzieri's affiliation with St. George's University, the team travels to Grenada, where they perform lifesaving cardiac procedures such as the insertion of cardiac stents and pacemakers. Lori lends her clinical expertise and serves as the ICU nurse on these humanitarian ventures.

With her training and skills, and her ability to work under challenging conditions, Lori is uniquely qualified to render emergency care to patients in need whether in an ambulance, a helicopter, the emergency department or the ICU. She has also been a dedicated member of the Board of Maine EMS as well as the Tri-County EMS Board.

SCOTT BRAGDON

Scott Bragdon has worked tirelessly for more than 20 years to assure excellence in EMS and to establish seamless working relationships among Mayo Regional Hospital area Services.

The Corinth Fire Department was the original provider of volunteer-based EMS services in this sizable rural community, which is located 20 miles away from either Bangor or Dover-Foxcroft. But the demand began to exceed the supply of available volunteers, and in 2002 the ambulance service folded. Soon after, Advanced EMT Scott Bragdon was hired as the town's first full-time fire chief, and under his leadership, EMS in the Corinth Fire Department was resurrected.

In the early stages, Corinth Fire provided first responder services, with transport by Dover-Foxcroft-based Mayo Regional Hospital EMS. In 2008, an ambulance was

once again stationed at the Corinth Fire Station. Cross-staffed by a Mayo Paramedic and a firefighter/driver from the Corinth Fire Department, this arrangement significantly improved response times to the surrounding communities of Bradford, Charleston, Exeter, and Garland. Then, to supplement transport provided by Mayo Regional Hospital EMS, Scott secured an ambulance at no cost to the town, and developed a transport program from within the Corinth Fire Department. Available to respond when the primary ambulance is already responding to a call, or upon request, this means area residents can now be spared waiting up to half an hour for an ambulance to arrive from Dover-Foxcroft. Scott also obtained a grant for a LifePak15© monitor to assure that those traveling in and around Corinth receive the highest standard of care.

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