

Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence



**Jay G. Martin and Chas J. Lopez, J.D.
Emergency Management**

Sherrie Forsloff and Judi Workman, from the Emergency Department, submitted the following nomination. . .

In January of 2009, the Department of Risk Management assigned emergency management duties to two members of its staff, Jay Martin and Chas Lopez. At that time Jay and Chas already had expansive responsibilities but they approached their new duties with enthusiasm and vigor. From our initial meeting, to our recent work surrounding the Cascadia Peril drill, and the community response to the Swine Flu outbreak, the members of the Emergency Management Committee have appreciated the collaborative approach of Jay and Chas. They understand the need for OHSU's involvement and participation, as a leader and collaborator in the emergency response plans of our region. Because of their contribution our knowledge, responsiveness and status have grown. Specific accomplishments that Jay and Chas have achieved in their short tenure include: 1) development of mutually beneficial relationships between the City of Portland and Multnomah and Washington Counties Department of Emergency Management, 2) submission of FEMA grants to recoup expenses incurred during the Winter Storm '08, 3) completion of a Homeland Security grant that would fund improved communications for Regional Hospital, the Department of Public Safety and the Oregon Poison Center, 4) Integration of OHSU with Multnomah County's WebEOC (a web-based communication program for emergency operation center coordination) with a resulting cost savings of \$90,000 and 5) Revision of OHSU's Emergency Operations plan as required by Joint Commission 2009 standards.

The talent, industry and dedication that Jay and Chas have brought to their roles is truly exceptional and has been recognized not only by their indebted colleagues but most recently by the City of Portland Mayoral Office with Chas's appointment to the first-ever assembled Emergency Management Cabinet.



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