

**2009 Diamond Award Winners
Pat McGinnis & Mark Berkowitz
Dynalectric Company (Oregon)**



As St. Patrick's Day dawned in Moses Lake Washington, at the REC Silicon facility it was business as usual. Crews were arriving and prepping for the day's activity. The day continued with Mr. Scoggins attending his STA meeting prior to beginning his work.

In the previous week, Mr. Scoggins had been complaining to his tool partner that he was having chest pains on and off and that last October he had a stint placed in his heart. He informed his tool partner of his Nitroglycerine tablets that he kept in his shirt pocket in case of an emergency.

Just after morning break, Mr. Scoggins grabbed his chest and dropped to the ground suffering what would have surely been a fatal heart attack. His tool partner immediately reacted by placing the Nitro tablet under his tongue and calling a Code 99 (man down) at MCC 20.

Thankfully both Mark Berkowitz and Patrick McGinnis were very close and arrived on the scene within seconds of the call. Mark shifted Robert to his side, began mouth to mouth, while Patrick called 911 and began chest compressions. It took the Moses Lake emergency response team 12 minutes to arrive on scene. Meanwhile Mr. Scoggins was vomiting intermittently during the continuous CPR administered by Mark and Patrick. Twice Mr. Scoggins began to breathe on his own and after just a few moments he relapsed back into a catatonic state, turning blue and continuing not to breathe. The Dynalectric safety team finally heard the ambulance sirens in the distance although they never stopped the mouth to mouth or the 30 chest compressions for the entire 12 minutes. At arrival of the paramedics, Mr. Scoggins had no heart beat or respiration. The paramedics used the paddles to defibrillate Robert and obtained a heart beat after the third attempt. Mr. Scoggins was taken by Life Flight to Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane and was hanging on to life by a thread.

As of July 2009, Mr. Scoggins has fully recovered, thanks to the life saving efforts of Dynalectric Safety team, Mark Berkowitz and Patrick McGinnis.