

IDAHO LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTING and EMS MEDAL OF HONOR

Rules and Qualifications for Awarding

I. Nominations

All nominations for the Idaho Medal of Honor (Idaho Code §§ 67-8801 through 8805) must be submitted in writing and to the Idaho Medal of Honor Commission (**Chairman, Idaho Medal of Honor Commission, c/o Office of the Attorney General, Joe R. Williams Bldg., 2nd Fl., 700 West State Street, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0010**). All nominations must be presented on a form supplied by the Commission.

The nomination may include relevant attachments. Nominations must be received or postmarked by February 12, 2010. ***Nominations must be endorsed by the chief law enforcement officer of the department of the nominee, fire chief, or head of the nominee's EMS agency, as applicable.*** Any and all documentation, pictures, testimonials, or affidavits must accompany the nomination.

II. Qualifications

All nominees for the Idaho Medal of Honor must meet the following qualifications:

- (a) The nominee must be (or must have been, at the time of the incident) a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or EMS provider. For the purposes of considering nominations for the award and as used in these rules, these terms are defined in the Idaho Code.
- (b) While in the performance of duty, the nominee must have performed with exceptional meritorious conduct that may have resulted in death or serious injury.
 - (1) The term "serious injury" means: (a) an injury that causes great bodily harm and a probability of death, or (b) that causes significant permanent disfigurement and a significant permanent loss or impairment of the function of any body part or organ.
 - (2) "Exceptional meritorious conduct" means, while performing or fulfilling responsibilities as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or EMS provider, the nominee distinguished himself/herself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his/her own life, above and beyond the call of duty. It involves risk of one's life and is an act of bravery and self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the individual above his/her comrades.

- (3) "While in the performance of duty" requires more than the officer, firefighter, or EMS provider being on duty. Rather, it requires that he/she was acting in an official capacity and performing a law enforcement, firefighting, or EMS function. It means he/she was acting in his/her official capacity or was killed because of his/her employment as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or EMS provider.
- (c) The performance of the foregoing must have occurred while the nominee was undertaking enforcement action when acting in the line of duty or fulfilling his/her responsibilities as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or EMS provider.
- (d) Where the nominee has not been seriously injured or killed, the nomination must detail how the officer, while acting in a law enforcement, firefighting, or EMS capacity, performed exceptional meritorious conduct protecting life and/or property of another.

III. Nominating Process

- (a) All nominations must be postmarked or received by the date specified, and addressed or delivered to the address specified, in Paragraph I, above.
- (b) The awards will be given during Law Enforcement Recognition Week of each year.
- (c) All nominations must be endorsed by the chief law enforcement officer, fire chief, or head of the nominee's agency.