



STATE OF IDAHO  
LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTING AND EMS  
MEDAL OF HONOR

*Awarded to*

**Chris Dance**

*For conspicuous gallantry and exceptionally meritorious  
conduct at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty.*

On October 25, 2021, Officer Chris Dance with the City of Boise Police Department responded to a shooting incident at the Boise Towne Square Mall. Responding officers initially learned that at least one victim had been shot and that the suspect had fled the scene on foot. At approximately 1:50 p.m. Officer Dance was one of two officers who first located the suspect behind a business in a highly populated area. As Officer Dance drove into the parking lot, the suspect fired several rounds from his weapon at the officers, resulting in a passing citizen being shot in the face. Metal and glass fragments produced from the suspect's gunfire struck Officer Dance causing serious injury to his left eye. Officer Dance discharged his weapon before it became inoperable. He then attempted to stop the suspect with his patrol vehicle, as well as provide cover to his fellow officers as they closed in on the suspect. During the incident two citizens lost their lives and three others were injured from the suspect's gunfire. Officer Dance's actions prevented further injury to both citizens and fellow officers. The suspect later died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Through indomitable courage, complete disregard for his own safety, and profound concern for the safety of others, Officer Chris Dance showed great determination and bravery. Officer Chris Dance's extraordinary heroism and intrepidity, with danger to his own life above and beyond the call of duty, are in the highest traditions of the Boise Police Department and Idaho law enforcement.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Little", is written over a horizontal line.

BRAD LITTLE, Governor of Idaho