

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 8808) 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, Idaho State Capitol, 2nd Fl., 700 West Jefferson 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 the deadline as listed on the nomination form. ***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: any injury that causes great bodily harm and a probability of death, any injury that causes significant permanent loss or impairment of the function of any body part or organ.
 - (2) "Exceptional meritorious conduct" means: an act of bravery and self-sacrifice, at the risk of serious injury or loss of one's life, which is 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 to the law enforcement recipients during the national law enforcement recognition week and to the firefighter and EMS recipients during the annual Idaho fallen firefighter memorial ceremony each year.
- (c) All nominations must be endorsed by the chief law enforcement officer, fire chief, or head of the nominee's agency.