

Meeting Minutes

Idaho Law Enforcement, Firefighting and EMS Medal of Honor Commission

Wednesday, March 8, 2006
1:30 p.m. (MST)

Conference Room
Idaho Office of the Attorney General
700 West Jefferson Street, Room 210
Boise, Idaho

Present at the meeting location

Bill von Tagen, Deputy Attorney General, *Commission Chairman*
Bill Douglas, Kootenai County Prosecuting Attorney, *Commission Secretary*
Ron Anderson, Meridian Fire Chief
Dia Gainor, Bureau Chief, Emergency Medical Services, Dept. of Health & Welfare
Blair Olsen, Jefferson County Sheriff
Megan Ronk, Policy Advisor to Governor Kempthorne
Melissa Ward, secretary to Chairman von Tagen (taking minutes)

Present via conference call

Joe Rice, Soda Springs Police Chief

Absent

Doug Borah, President, Idaho Peace Officers Association
Mike Becar, P.O.S.T. Executive Director

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Chairman von Tagen called the meeting to order at approximately 1:40 p.m. (MST).

The meeting agenda was reviewed; no amendments were made. The prior meeting's minutes were reviewed. The minutes were approved upon a motion by Mr. Douglas, a second by Chief Anderson, and aye votes from all present.

In preparation for the selection of the 2006 Idaho Law Enforcement, Firefighting and EMS Medal of Honor recipients, the Commission reviewed the Rules and Qualifications for Awarding.

Chief Rice commented that reading the event detail contained within the nominations was heartrending, and all present echoed his comments that each of the nominees is a hero in the eyes of the Commission.

The Commission reviewed and discussed each nomination, comparing them to the Commission's Rules and Qualifications for Awarding and seeking nominees the Commissioners felt were distinguished by exceptionally meritorious conduct. After much discussion and contemplation, the following nominees were chosen as the 2006 Idaho Law Enforcement, Firefighting and EMS Medal of Honor recipients:

Troy Greenwell, Oakley Fire Department  
Joe Stringham, Oakley Fire Department  
Darin Moulton, Idaho Falls Police Department

Dia Gainor suggested a form or "decision tree" for future selection meetings, which could be used to track the nomination discussion and record each nominee's qualifications and the disposition of each nomination.

Chairman von Tagen suggested amending the law to include definitions for "law enforcement officer" and "firefighter" within the Medal of Honor statute.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 12, 2006, a week prior to the 2006 Medal of Honor ceremony.

Chairman von Tagen also requested a meeting within a month of the ceremony, a "debrief" of sorts, to discuss the ceremony and provide an opportunity for Commissioners to offer suggestions for changes or improvements for the following year.

The Commission having concluded all of its business, the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.