

# Meeting Minutes

## Idaho Law Enforcement, Firefighting and EMS Medal of Honor Commission

Tuesday, May 6, 2008  
1:30 p.m. (MDT)

Office of the Attorney General  
Intergovernmental and Fiscal Law Division  
700 West State Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boise, Idaho

### Present

Bill von Tagen, Deputy Attorney General, *Commission Chairman*  
Ron Anderson, Meridian Fire Chief  
Mike Becar, P.O.S.T. Council Representative  
Dia Gainor, Bureau Chief, Emergency Medical Services, Dept. of Health and Welfare  
Joe Rice, Soda Springs Police Chief  
Melissa Ward, secretary to Chairman von Tagen

### Absent

Bill Douglas, Kootenai County Prosecuting Attorney, *Commission Secretary*  
Doug Borah, Idaho Peace Officers Association  
Blair Olsen, Jefferson County Sheriff  
Bob Wells, Office of the Governor

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### Agenda Item I – Call to Order, Review of Agenda

Chairman von Tagen called the meeting to order at approximately 1:40 p.m. (MDT). The meeting agenda was reviewed; no amendments were made.

### Agenda Item II – Prior Meeting's Minutes

The prior meeting's minutes were reviewed and approved.

### Agenda Item III – Interest in Reappointment

All those present whose commissions are expiring this year indicated that their respective appointing entities will decide who will be appointed to represent them on the Commission over the next four-year period. Chief Rice inquired about funding. Chairman von Tagen indicated that he will plan to meet with someone at the Governor's Division of Financial Management this summer to see about planning for funding for the Commission.

#### Agenda Item IV – 2008 Ceremony Costs

Chairman von Tagen announced that the cost of the medals and framing for this year's six recipients totals \$1,345.20. Per Chairman von Tagen, the invoice for framing expenses will be sent to both Doug Borah and to Bob Gholson, the Executive Director of the Idaho Peace Officers Association.

#### Agenda Item V – Ceremony Planning / Program

Mike Becar indicated that he is still awaiting the arrival of the medals. Also, the programs cannot be finalized and printed until it is confirmed whether the Governor or someone else on his behalf will be participating in the ceremony and presenting the medals. Chairman von Tagen stated that he would contact Bob Wells directly after the meeting to inquire about the Governor's plans. Members of the Commission should arrive at the Peace Officers Memorial by 9:30 the morning of the ceremony. Mr. Becar confirmed the date and time of the ceremony: Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Chairman von Tagen asked Mr. Becar to request copies of photos from the photographer who took photos of last year's ceremony so that they can be posted on the Medal of Honor website. Mr. Becar said that he believed it was probably Idaho State Police's photographer and that he would check with him.

#### Agenda Item VI – Next Meetings

Chairman von Tagen requested that the Commission gather directly after the ceremony for a very brief meeting, just to discuss the ceremony – what worked well, what didn't, suggestions for future ceremonies, etc. He also suggested a meeting in June to discuss the upcoming year's timeline and the issue of funding. Chief Rice suggested holding the meeting in Nampa the last week of June to coincide with the Association of Idaho Cities' conference. Chief Anderson indicated that he would be attending that conference, as well. Chairman von Tagen asked Chief Rice and Chief Anderson to coordinate and contact him/his secretary with a date and time that would fit in with their other meeting activities that week.

#### Agenda Item VII - Adjourn

The Commission having concluded all of its business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m.