



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

Awarded to

Carlos Martinez

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

On the evening of July 10, 2009, Deputy Carlos Martinez and Lieutenant Doug Ulmer responded to a report of a young girl swept into the Clearwater River near Kooskia. Deputy Martinez and Lieutenant Ulmer searched the river and were able to spot two-year-old Kayla Ladd nearly a half mile down river from where she was swept in. As they both prepared to enter the river, Deputy Martinez kept his boots on, while Lieutenant Ulmer removed his. With less drag, Lieutenant Ulmer swam approximately three-fourths of the way across the river, reaching Kayla first and swimming with her to the opposite river bank. Deputy Martinez met them at the bank and took Kayla from Lieutenant Ulmer's arms, out of the water. Fortunately, because he still had his boots on, Deputy Martinez was able to rapidly maneuver up the bank with Kayla, through the thick underbrush and timber, to the railroad tracks where he reached Idaho County Deputy Randy Long. Deputy Long then helped both Deputy Martinez and Kayla to an ambulance. At the hospital, it became apparent just how dire the situation had really been -- Kayla's body temperature had gotten dangerously low to 88 degrees. With complete disregard for his own safety and extreme concern for a child, Deputy Martinez' selfless heroic actions, above and beyond the call of duty, reflect enormous credit upon himself, the Idaho County Sheriff's Office, and all Idaho law enforcement officers.

Signed this 7th day of May, 2010.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of Idaho