

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

Awarded to

## **Adam Crist**

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

On August 21, 2010, at approximately 11:00 p.m., Boise Police Officers Adam Crist, Casey Hancuff and Jason Rose responded to an active shooter call. A frantic woman told Dispatch that someone was shooting at her door. The shooter then entered her home and desperate screams were heard. Officers Crist, Hancuff and Rose entered the dangerous homicidal shooting environment at great risk, where they encountered two people with gunshot wounds. The female victim was down with gunshot wounds to both legs. The femoral artery in her left leg had been splayed open by a bullet. She had sustained massive bleeding and had no pulse. With complete disregard for their own safety, as the shooter's whereabouts were still unknown, the officers refused to give up on her. Officer Crist recognized the need for a tourniquet. Officers Hancuff and Rose fashioned two sets of hobbles into tourniquets and applied them while elevating the woman's legs. Officer Crist held the victim's hands and encouraged her. Miraculously, the victim responded and regained consciousness, motioning with her hands and eventually talking. Officer Crist was able to gain valuable intelligence on the suspect while Officers Hancuff and Rose maintained the vital pressure on the tourniquets. Several times they fought for the woman as they watched the life flow out of her. Both paramedics and hospital staff stated that without the dedicated actions and quick thinking of these officers, the victim would have died at the scene from massive blood loss. Officer Crist's extraordinary heroism and resolute courage, fortitude, and endurance, with grave 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 20th day of May 2011.

L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of Idaho