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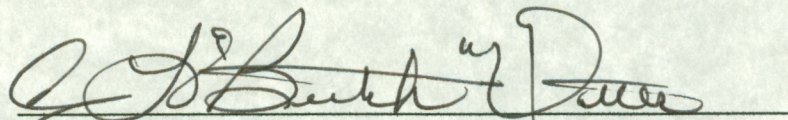
Awarded to

Nathan Hyder

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

On June 19, 2010, at approximately 7:40 p.m., EMS 22 was dispatched to a vehicle that had crashed into a house. Firefighters Nathan Hyder and Dylan Clark were the first on scene, where they found a truck full into a garage, with the accelerator pushed to the floor and wheels still spinning. The patient was unconscious in the vehicle. Copious amounts of black smoke were present, as well as flying debris from the spinning tires. Visibility was almost zero. Firefighters Hyder and Clark immediately donned their self-contained breathing apparatus gear and entered the garage in order to reach the unconscious patient. The firefighters' lives were in imminent danger as the vehicle could have broken loose from the framing on the garage or violently shifted. Unable to gain access from the safer rear-end of the vehicle, Hyder and Clark broke out the passenger side window with a Halligan tool, unlocked the door and reached in and turned off the ignition. The patient was moved out of the vehicle and structure after great difficulty, thereby saving her life. Through indomitable courage, complete disregard for his own safety, and profound concern for the unconscious patient, Firefighter Hyder averted a possible loss of life and injury to others. Firefighter Hyder's extraordinary heroism, fortitude, and endurance, with grave danger to his own life above and beyond the call of duty, are in the highest traditions of the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department and Idaho fire service.

Signed this 20th day of May 2011.


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