



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

Awarded to

Charles F. Hoop

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

On December 13, 2017, at approximately 7:14 p.m. in Twin Falls, emergency service personnel responded to the Perrine Bridge. Dispatchers had received a report of a suicidal teenager preparing to jump off the bridge. Corporal Charles Hoop, of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office, arrived within three minutes of the call and found the teenager hanging onto the outside of the railing, very distraught. Cpl. Hoop, believing time was critical, jumped over the traffic barrier and grabbed the individual around the chest, just as the teen let go of the railing. Corporal Hoop was holding the full weight of the teenager dangling over the 486 foot drop, and was in danger himself of being pulled over the side of the bridge. Cpl. Hoop managed to pull the struggling teen back over the railing and placed him in protective custody, undoubtedly saving his life.

Through indomitable courage, complete disregard for his own safety and profound concern for the safety of others, Corporal Charles Hoop showed great determination and thoroughness. Cpl. Hoop's extraordinary heroism, fortitude and endurance, with danger to his own life above and beyond the call of duty, are in the highest traditions of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office and Idaho law enforcement.

Signed this 16th day of May 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.L. Butch Otter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "O" at the end.

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