

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

Awarded to

Taylor Beach

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

On February 27, 2018 Sergeant Taylor Beach and her trainee responded to a traffic stop to assist an officer who had identified a fugitive with felony arrest warrants. The suspect exited the vehicle with a firearm and shot at the officers seriously injuring the trainee officer. Sergeant Beach returned fire as the third officer moved to communicate with dispatch and additional officers. Sergeant Beach engaged and pursued the suspect to eliminate the threat to the officers and the community. Sergeant Beach determined that additional responding officers had arrived to aid in the apprehension and exposed herself to potential gunfire by placing herself between the suspect's location and the severely wounded officer. She began rescue efforts and assisted him into a patrol vehicle. Though exposing herself to potential harm, she extricated the officer and took him to the nearest hospital for treatment. This quick action and response saved that officer's life. The suspect was later found succumbed to injuries from the exchange of gunfire.

Through indomitable courage, complete disregard for her own safety, and profound concern for the safety of others, Sergeant Taylor Beach showed great determination and bravery. Sergeant Beach's extraordinary heroism and intrepidity, with danger to her own life above and beyond the call of duty, are in the highest traditions of the Coeur d'Alene Police Department and Idaho law enforcement.

Signed this 12th day of August 2025.

BRAD LITTLE, Governor of Idaho