



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

Awarded to

David Tysdal

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

On June 29, 2025, at approximately 1:21 p.m., multiple fire organizations responded to a reported wildfire on Canfield Mountain near the Nettleton Gulch trailhead in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Units from the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department and the Kootenai County Fire and Rescue responded immediately.

Engineer David Tysdal was one of the first to arrive on scene. While establishing the water supply for the firefighting operation, he was ambushed and fired upon by a civilian. Engineer Tysdal was shot in the back and instantly paralyzed. Despite his grievous injuries and imminent danger posed by the still-active assailant, he risked his life to protect his fellow first responders. He used his chin to key his radio to warn others about the ambush. Engineer Tysdal's unwavering presence of mind and selflessness contributed to preventing further injuries and enabling a coordinated and effective response.

Engineer David Tysdal showed great determination and bravery, putting his own safety aside to care for the safety of others. His 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 Coeur d'Alene Fire Department and Idaho fire service.

Signed this 1st day of September 2026.

A blue ink signature of Brad Little, written in a cursive style.

BRAD LITTLE, Governor of Idaho