



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

Awarded to

Francisco Torres

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

On July 21, 2025, at approximately 12:39 a.m., Corporal Torres was dispatched to a 911 call at a residence in Pocatello, Idaho, from an 81-year-old female who sounded like she was struggling to breathe. A fire alarm could be heard in the background before the call was disconnected.

Corporal Torres was one of the first to arrive at the scene and discovered the home was engulfed in heavy smoke and flames. Finding the front door locked, he went around to the back where he encountered a distraught male who stated that his wife was still inside the burning home. Knowing that the female was inside he forced entry through a back-glass door and started calling out to see if he could hear or see anyone. He located the unconscious female lying on the kitchen floor near the back door. Without hesitation or protective gear, he entered the burning structure breathing dense smoke, grabbed the woman by her ankles, and dragged her to safety outside the residence. Once outside, the woman was unresponsive and not breathing. As he prepared to start chest compressions, she began to breathe. Corporal Torres suffered smoke inhalation during the rescue but continued assisting first responders until the victim was safely transported for medical care. His decisive actions under life-threatening conditions directly saved the life of the 81-year-old woman.

Corporal Francisco Torres' actions were courageous and heroic, 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 Pocatello Police Department and Idaho law enforcement.

Signed this 1st day of September 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Little", written over a horizontal line.

BRAD LITTLE, Governor of Idaho