



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

Harvey R. Ballman

*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 1:24 p.m., a wildland fire was reported on Canfield Mountain, near Nettleton Gulch trailhead. Dispatch reported that there was an active shooter at the upper parking lot. As the information progressed, responding units were advised that several firefighters were injured and not responding.

Deputy Harvey Ballman, a member of the SWAT team, along with his K-9, was one of the first units to arrive just below the parking lot. Deputy Ballman requested a BearCat, an armored tactical vehicle, and additional SWAT resources to respond to his position. He quickly put together a plan along with two other deputies. They moved up the hill in the BearCat where they deployed gas and SWAT tactics to block any additional shots fired. As they were extracting the wounded firefighter from the parking lot, they encountered additional shots and returned with suppressive fire. The deputies went up the hill in the BearCat three times to extract the firefighters and residents safely back down to the lower area away from the shooter and to get them to medical personnel. Each time he exited the BearCat to retrieve the injured and trapped firefighters, Deputy Ballman risked his life and exposed himself to great risk.

Deputy Harvey Ballman's 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 Kootenai County Sheriff's Office and Idaho law enforcement.

Signed this 1st day of September 2026.

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

BRAD LITTLE, Governor of Idaho