



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

Justin Buck

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

On May 9, 2025, a call for service was dispatched regarding a male subject threatening to jump off the Benton Street overpass in Pocatello, Idaho. At approximately 5:32 p.m., Sergeant Buck arrived on scene and observed a male individual standing on the opposite side of the security fence, positioned on a ledge, and contemplating jumping.

Without hesitation, Sergeant Buck wrapped a tether line around himself and went around the fence to the victim, where he was able to touch the victim and communicate with him. With coordinated efforts between the fire department and Sergeant Buck, a method was developed and successfully executed to bring the man down from the overpass safely.

Sergeant Buck exemplified the Pocatello Police Department's mission of Community Commitment by willingly placing himself in harm's way to protect a distraught individual in crisis. His quick thinking and compassion demonstrated a deep sense of his duty.

Sergeant Justin Buck'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 Pocatello Police Department 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