



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

Awarded to

Korey Payne

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

On September 28, 2015, at approximately 12:05 a.m. in Idaho Falls, emergency service personnel responded to an incident involving a vehicle overturned in a canal. The vehicle was almost completely submerged, with a man trapped inside. Upon arrival at the scene, Patrol Deputy Korey Payne immediately jumped into the water, which was 3½ feet deep, to assist in rescuing the victim. Disregarding his own safety, Deputy Payne dove underwater several times (without any diving gear) in an attempt to get into the unstable vehicle through the doors and windows. After several more attempts, access was finally gained through a back door, and the victim was freed from the car and carried onto the bank of the canal.

Through indomitable courage, complete disregard for his own safety, and profound concern for the victim, Deputy Payne showed great determination and thoroughness. Deputy Payne's 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 Bonneville County Sheriff's Office and Idaho law enforcement.

Signed this 19th day of May 2016.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of Idaho