TITLE 67
STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 88
IDAHO LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTING AND EMS MEDAL OF HONOR

67-8801. IDAHO LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTING AND EMS MEDAL OF HONOR ESTABLISHED. There is hereby established a decoration of the Idaho law enforcement, firefighting and EMS medal of honor with accompanying ribbons and appurtenances for award by the governor in the name of the state to any law enforcement officer, firefighter or EMS provider who has been killed or seriously injured in the performance of duty, or who has been distinguished by exceptionally meritorious conduct, upon nomination of the Idaho law enforcement, firefighting and EMS medal of honor commission.


67-8802. IDAHO LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTING AND EMS MEDAL OF HONOR COMMISSION CREATED -- MEMBERSHIP -- ESTABLISHMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR AWARD. (1) There is hereby created in the office of the governor the Idaho law enforcement, firefighting and EMS medal of honor commission, hereafter referred to as the commission, which shall nominate candidates for the award of the Idaho law enforcement, firefighting and EMS medal of honor. The commission shall consist of one (1) representative from each of the following: the office of the governor, the office of the attorney general, the Idaho prosecuting attorneys association, the Idaho chiefs of police association, the Idaho fire chiefs association, the Idaho sheriffs' association, the Idaho peace officers association, the Idaho department of health and welfare bureau of emergency medical services and the peace officers standards and training council. Members of the commission shall be appointed by the governor and shall each serve for a term of four (4) years.

(2) The attorney general or his designee shall serve as chair of the commission and shall designate a secretary for the commission.

(3) The commission shall meet annually, or at the call of the chair, to consider candidates for nomination. Commission meetings may be conducted via teleconference.

(4) The commission shall adopt rules establishing the qualifications for the Idaho law enforcement, firefighting and EMS medal of honor and the protocol governing the decoration, and other rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.


67-8803. WHEN AND BY WHOM AWARDED. The Idaho law enforcement, firefighting and EMS medal of honor shall be awarded by the governor to the law enforcement recipients during the national law enforcement recognition week and to the firefighter and EMS recipients during the annual Idaho fallen firefighter memorial ceremony. The governor may delegate the awarding of the medal to the lieutenant governor or the attorney general.

67-8804. POSTHUMOUS AWARD. The Idaho law enforcement, firefighting and EMS medal of honor may be awarded posthumously by presentation to a representative of the deceased as may be deemed appropriate by the governor or the designees specified in section 67-8803, Idaho Code.


67-8805. DESIGN AND COST. The decoration of the Idaho law enforcement, firefighting and EMS medal of honor shall be cast in bronze or other metal. The design of the medal shall incorporate the great seal of the state of Idaho with other insignia as deemed appropriate by the law enforcement, firefighting and EMS medal of honor commission. The reverse of the decoration shall be inscribed with the words: "For exceptionally honorable and meritorious conduct in performing services as a law enforcement officer, firefighter or EMS provider." The cost of the medal shall be paid by the agency whose officer, firefighter or EMS provider receives the medal. The family of a recipient may request a second medal and may receive such medal upon payment to the commission of the cost of the medal.


67-8806. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:
(1) "EMS" means emergency medical services; and
(2) "Emergency medical services provider" or "EMS provider" means an emergency medical services provider certified by the department of health and welfare pursuant to sections 56-1011 through 56-1018B, Idaho Code, and an ambulance-based clinician as defined in the rules governing emergency medical services as adopted by the department of health and welfare.

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