

405. MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

1. Award System - The Breckenridge Police Department has a formal system of recognition for officers who perform meritorious actions. Civilian personnel employed by the Police Department are also eligible for the awards.
2. Award Recommendation Procedure - Any employee of the Breckenridge Police Department may file on behalf of other members of the Department, a commendation recommendation. This recommendation shall be forwarded through the chain of command to the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police will place the commendation recommendation in a special file to be considered once each year and covering a period from January 1 to December 31 of that year. It is the prerogative of the Chief of Police at the time. He receives the commendation recommendation to take special note of the incident with those concerned and still file the report for consideration. If a letter is received from a citizen, then the Chief of Police will assign a supervisory officer to investigate the recommendation and forward his findings to the Chief of Police.
3. Award Classifications and Definitions

a. Medal of Valor:

1. Exceptional service beyond the call of duty where the officer is cognizant of the immediate peril of great bodily injury either to himself or others;
2. Saving the life of another at great risk of officer's own safety and;
and
3. The Medal of Valor may be awarded posthumously.

The recipient of the Medal of Valor will receive:

- a. A medal;
- b. A service ribbon, which will be worn on the uniform; and
- c. A brass and wood plaque, denoting the actions of valor.

b. Meritorious Service Award:

1. For exceptional actions taken which resulted in the apprehension of a dangerous felon or for the saving of a life under unusual circumstances.

The recipient of the Meritorious Service Award may receive:

- a. A plaque, with appropriate engraving and
 - b. A service ribbon, which will be worn on the uniform.
- c. Lifesaving Award:
- 1. For exceptional first-aid which resulted in the saving of a life due to the officer's efforts and
 - 2. A special award will be given to the officer who delivers a baby.

The recipient of the Lifesaving Award will receive:

- a. A plaque, with appropriate engraving and
 - b. A service ribbon, which will be worn on the uniform.
- d. Chief of Police Commendation:
- 1. For service to the Department or within the community which reflects credit upon the Department and/or the officer; and
 - 2. This award can also be issued to a detail of the Police Department.

The Chief of Police Commendation is an appropriately designed and worded letter.

4. Award Presentation

Awards may be presented at an appropriate ceremony.