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On February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Boise Elk's Lodge honored local law enforcement. All agencies from Ada County and Boise County we're invited to nominate one of their officers or deputies for awards for Community Service, Lifesaving, and Valor.

Deputy Jon Cleveland from the Star Police Department was awarded the Community Service Award for his contributions to the residents of the City of Star. Deputy Cleveland responded to 3,793 calls for service that ranged from emergency situations to changing a tire for a senior citizen. He participated in the Cops vs. Fire volleyball event that benefits youth sports. Numerous Star residents have called the police department to commend Deputy Cleveland for his professionalism and his routine work of helping people in need of assistance.

Meridian Police Department Detectives, Eric Stoffle and Matt Ferronato won the Lifesaving award for their work locating a missing 77-year-old man in October of 2022. The man was from Meridian and was reported missing after leaving church. The detectives coordinated a search mission with Civil Air Patrol and the Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue in Boise County based off the man's cellphone information. The man was found in a remote area, lying on the ground, where he had been lying for two days after his vehicle became inoperable. The man was near death when found, but because of the detectives outstanding work, the man made a full recovery.

Corporal Cody Evens of the Boise Police Department was given the medal of Valor. Corporal Evan is part of the Neighborhood Contact Officer Team. He responded to a motorist blocking lanes of traffic on Fairview Avenue, near N. Records way. The man in the car was at harm from being hit by on-coming vehicles. The man pulled a firearm on Corporal Evens and pointed the weapon at Evans at point blank range. A struggle ensued, placing Corporal Evens in imminent danger of serious injury or death. Evens discharged his service weapon hitting the man and stopping the fight. Corporal Evens

immediately began rendering life-saving first aid to the injured man and coordinated EMS to respond.

The Lodge's Award Ceremony is an annual event to recognize and honor the officers and deputies of our communities for their bravery and outstanding public service. The event was attended by over 60 people who were served lunch by the Lodge members. The award winners, and their guests, were provided lunch free of charge. The Boise Elk's Lodge proudly supports our local law enforcement officers who keep us safe everyday with little praise.





