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## **LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE**

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### **"LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE FIREFIGHTERS AWARDED NATIONAL MEDAL OF VALOR BY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES"**

A TEAM OF SIX LINCOLN FIREFIGHTERS, OF LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE, WILL BE TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON, DC TO ACCEPT THE "NATIONAL MEDAL OF VALOR" AWARD TO BE PRESENTED TO THEM BY PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH.

THIS AWARD IS THE HIGHEST NATIONAL AWARD THAT CAN BE BESTOWED ON CIVILIAN PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS, AND IS THE INAUGURAL YEAR FOR THIS AWARD TO BE PRESENTED.

THE TEAM WAS NOMINATED LAST YEAR FOR EXHIBITING EXTRAORDINARY BRAVERY BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY, DURING THE TOWER RESCUE THEY PERFORMED IN BASSET, NEBRASKA ON APRIL 22, 2002. THE TEAM WAS CALLED UPON TO ATTEMPT THE RESCUE/RECOVERY OF AN ACCIDENT VICTIM THAT WAS 1,200 FEET HIGH IN THE AIR ON A TELEVISION COMMUNICATIONS TOWER.

THE TEAM CONSISTED OF DEPUTY CHIEF RON KENNETT, CAPTAIN RICK KLEIN, FIREFIGHTERS BOB BORER, JEREMY HOSEK, GUY JONES AND MIKE WRIGHT.

THE ELEVEN MEMBER MEDAL OF VALOR REVIEW BOARD WAS APPOINTED BY THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND MINORITY LEADERS OF THE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES, AND BY THE PRESIDENT. THIS BOARD CONSIDERED ALL NOMINATIONS FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, AND MADE THEIR RECOMMENDATION OF THE RECIPIENTS TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT CHIEF SPADT AT 402-430-7090.