



Kootenai County Police and Fire Memorial Foundation, Inc. is a privately funded non-profit, tax exempt public charity.

The Kootenai County Police and Fire Memorial Foundation, Inc. was founded in 2005 as a result of a serious injury to a City of Coeur d'Alene police officer who engaged an armed suspect. Due to the officer's subsequent surgical and rehabilitation requirements, it became evident that the officer and his family had difficulty obtaining additional services from Idaho worker's compensation board.

Several retired police officers with the assistance of Charley Dodson Att @ Law and CPA Steve McCaughan prepared & filed for a non-profit Memorial Foundation. In 2006, the Foundation received their 501 © 3 status.

The Memorial Foundation is established to provide financial grants to Kootenai County first responders (including volunteer firefighters) and their families who experience unforeseen catastrophic circumstances including death, illness, and injury. The Kootenai County Police & Fire memorial Foundation supports over 350 first responders who serve in Kootenai County, Idaho.

To this date the Foundation has awarded thirteen financial grants, totaling over \$14,000. The Board of Directors determines the financial awards; they are confidential and recipients are not required to pay back the award.

All Director's volunteer their time and effort. Directors receive no compensation for their services.

The Foundation does not receive funding from City, County or State agencies. The Foundation is a non-taxable public charity that receives funding from local businesses and individual contributions only. City of Coeur d' Alene employees, Post Falls Police Department and Rathdrum Police Department have established voluntarily payroll deductions to the Foundation. Coeur d' Alene Firefighter's Union 710 makes annual contributions to the Foundation.