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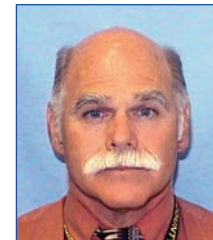
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## Four Lost Heroes

**Houston Drug Enforcement Agency Supervisory Agent Thomas Byrne, 40,** died in the line of duty on August 30, 2008 after being murdered in New Orleans. Agent Byrne is survived by his wife, Maureen, and four young boys ranging in age from 2 to 8 years old.



**Harris County Sheriff's Detective Tommy Keen** died in the line of duty on September 15, 2008 from injuries caused during the aftermath of Hurricane Ike when a tree hit him and caused fatal injuries.



He had just signed on for duty and was in uniform preparing to work Disaster Recovery for the Sheriff's Office. Detective Keen is survived by his wife and a son. He was honored as a 100 Club Officer of the Year in 1982.

**Texas Game Warden George Whatley, 45,** died during a mandated training activity on October 10, 2008 in Culberson County, Texas. Game Warden



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## "In Their Own Words"

by Shannon Garcia, wife of Deputy John D. Garcia

February 18, 2009

My name is Shannon Garcia. 5-1/2 years ago my husband John David Garcia was killed in the line of duty. The first reaction when learning the news was my life was over. The next was "What am I going to do?". We had been married less than a year. His daughter by a previous marriage was living with us at the time. We had no children together yet. We like everyone else had debt.

This is the time when I found out what the 100 Club was all about. They came into my home within a few days and handed me a check for any immediate expenses. They later came back with more financial help. The 100 Club did not stop there. They call back at least once a year and check up on Patricia and myself.

In July of 2007 I adopted a baby boy. Blake adores his big sister Patricia. Patricia has since graduated high school and has started college courses. Thank you 100 Club in all you do for the families of fallen heroes.

Shannon Garcia

*Montgomery County Precinct 5 Deputy Constable John David Garcia, 33, was killed Thursday, July 17, 2003 when his patrol car was hit by a sports utility vehicle while he was on patrol in Southwest Montgomery County. Deputy Garcia is survived by his wife, Shannon, and his fourteen-year-old daughter, Patricia.*



John D. Garcia  
July 17, 2003

## The 100 Club to Honor Law Enforcement and Firefighter Heroes

The 100 Club will host its 55th Annual Heroes Awards Banquet on Thursday, May 14, 2009. This year, The 100 Club will honor 45 Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters who have performed above and beyond the call of duty.

In appreciation, each Law Enforcement Officer receives a Sig Sauer Model 229, .40-caliber Semi-Automatic Commemorative Pistol and an Etched, Jade Glass Award. Each Firefighter will receive a Cairns "Sam Houston Model" Firefighter Presentation Helmet and a Glass Firefighter's Ax inscribed with The 100 Club logo.

We congratulate each of the award recipients listed below:

**Deputy David Michael Smith**  
Fayette County Sheriff's Office

**Sergeant Marc A. Staff**  
Colorado County Sheriff's Office  
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## ANNUAL HEROES AWARDS BANQUET

### Member Tickets Available Now

**This will be your only notice**

**To All 100 Club Members:**

The 100 Club's 55th Annual Heroes Awards Banquet honoring outstanding area law enforcement officers and firefighters from our eighteen county coverage area, will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2009 in the Ballroom of the Hilton Houston Post Oak Hotel, 2001 Post Oak Blvd., Houston Texas. There will be a reception from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the awards program beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. Dining will commence once the program is completed. Dress for the event is Business Attire or Semi-Formal.

A limited number of tickets, at \$70 each, are available for  
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**Help Us Grow... Give This Application to a Friend!**

## FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY

Do not use this form to renew your membership

Please mark your **NEW** membership choice below:

- Regular Membership - \$100 Annually
- Life Membership - \$1,000 Single Gift
- Quarterly Life Membership - \$250 Annually over four consecutive years (you become a Life Member after your fourth donation is received)
- Business Membership - \$150 Annually
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Baytown Police Department

**Officer Brian D. Naismith**  
Baytown Police Department

**Deputy Constable Dwayne Pacifico**  
Harris County Precinct 2

**Officer Eric L. Ibarra**  
Dayton Police Department

**Sergeant John D. Coleman**  
Dayton Police Department

**Sergeant Ken Culbreath**  
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

**Detective Donald W. Likens**  
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

**Deputy Michael Joe Plata**  
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

**Detective Sergeant Stewart Buster Hightower**  
Montgomery Police Department

**Officer Justin J. Lehman**  
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**Trooper II William R. Frederick**  
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**Sergeant Cliff Manning**  
Texas Department of Public Safety

**Sergeant Scott Davis**  
Texas Department of Public Safety

**Sergeant Robert Clark**  
Harris County Sheriff's Office

**Sergeant Sidney D. Miller**  
Harris County Sheriff's Office

**Sergeant Gregory D. Pinkins**  
Harris County Sheriff's Office

**Deputy Jason L. Denham**  
Harris County Sheriff's Office

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER: A Few Words From Tom Pizzo

The 100 Club began 2009 with a bang. Membership stood at a record 28,800 and the support of that membership through Survivor's Fund donations has given the Club the needed resources to help the dependents of the record setting 7 line of duty death that took place in 2008.

During these difficult economic times, I ask for your continued support of our endeavors. Tell your friends about The 100 Club and ask them to join with you in becoming a member. An application for membership is on the back page of this newsletter. We should all be mindful that our Law Enforcement and Firefighting Heroes need our help now, more than ever.

To date, your 100 Club has provided over \$13,700,000 to help the dependents of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. Additionally, over \$350,000 was spent in 2008 to provide life protecting equipment for law enforcement agencies. The 100 Club has given law

enforcement agencies over \$11,000,000 in life protecting equipment since the program started. Currently, 151 officers are going to college on 100 Club scholarships working on either undergraduate or graduate degrees that were funded at the amount of \$473,000. This program at three area universities has resulted in 475 college graduates with our total investment in future leaders costing \$5,300,000.

Plans have been finalized for our 55th Heroes Awards Banquet which will be held on May 14, 2009 and will honor 45 outstanding peace officers and firefighters for performance above and beyond the call of duty. Ticket orders may be purchased by contacting our office at (713) 952-0100. A limited number of tickets are available for members at \$70 each.

Thomas E. "Tom" Pizzo, President



**Deputy Shawn W. Shandera**  
Harris County Sheriff's Office

**Investigator Heraclio A. Chavez**  
Houston Police Department

**Officer Pamela Slater**  
Houston Police Department

**Officer Christopher M. Zamora**  
Houston Police Department

**Chief Nona Holomon**  
Seabrook Police Department

**Firefighter Frank Marcinkiewicz**  
Cat Spring Volunteer Fire Department

**Captain Kenneth W. Willingham**  
Sealy Volunteer Fire Department

**Paramedic/Firefighter Jonas Brooks**  
Bryan Fire Department

**Paramedic/Firefighter Blake S. Barrentine**  
Bryan Fire Department

**Firefighter Edwin Gearke**  
Galveston Fire Department

**Engineer Anastacio Urbina, Jr.**  
Galveston Fire Department

**Captain Gary M. Staudt**  
Galveston Fire Department

**Captain Dennis E. McCauley**  
Galveston Fire Department

**Fire Chief Stanley E. Legge**  
Plantersville Volunteer Fire Department

**Assistant Chief Stephen C. Paiyou**  
Plantersville Volunteer Fire Department

**Captain Devin Craig**  
Montgomery Fire Department

**Captain Kerry Ball**  
Houston Fire Department

**Firefighter Larry J. Capehart**  
Houston Fire Department

**Firefighter Lester Harvey**  
Houston Fire Department

**Captain Ruben Villasenor**  
Houston Fire Department

**Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Hatton**  
Houston Fire Department

**Fire Chief Robert Doolittle, Sr.**  
La Marque Fire & Rescue

100 Club members on a "first come, first served" basis. **Tickets are limited to two per member and orders must be received no later than Monday, April 20, 2009.** Please indicate mailing address with your order. Tickets will be mailed two weeks prior to the event.

Please make checks payable to: The 100 Club and mail to: 1233 West Loop South, Suite 1250, Houston TX 77027-9107. You may also phone the office, 713-952-0100, if you would like to charge the tickets to a credit card. We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, and Discover.



(left to right) 100 Club President, Tom Pizzo; KPRC Local 2 Traffic Anchor/Reporter, Jennifer Reyna; 100 Club Executive Director, Rick Hartley.

## Abernethy Outpour

Houston Police Officer Tim Abernethy was shot and killed while chasing a suspect on December 7, 2008. Our sincere thanks to the members of The 100 Club for your continued support of our efforts to provide financial assistance to the dependents of peace officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

On behalf of the Board, Staff and members of the Club, we again say a BIG Thank-You to KPRC TV- Local 2 for their support by hosting an all day telethon, on December 15, 2008, to raise funds for our Survivors Fund. Through the leadership of Channel 2 Vice-

President & General Manager Larry Blackerby and News Director Skip Valet, The 100 Club was able to share our mission with the Houston community.

Our goal for the telethon was to raise \$100,000 for the fund. Houstonians opened their hearts to support The 100 Club and when the telethon ended, the final tally was \$112,000.

Our most sincere thank you to all of the Channel 2 employees who made this telethon a huge success.

Whatley is survived by his wife and 13 and 14 year old sons.

## Houston Police Officer Timothy Abernethy

died in the line of duty on December 7, 2008, after being shot by a suspect that he was chasing in Northwest Houston.

Officer Abernethy, an 11-year HPD veteran, is survived by his wife Stephanie, a 21 year old daughter, Olivia, and a 20 year old son, Timothy, Jr.



## Workplace Giving Programs

Many companies offer programs to encourage their employees to donate to charitable organizations and in return the company will match their employees' donations. We encourage you to check with your Human Resources Department to find out if your employer will consider matching your 100 Club donation. You can view our web page at [www.the100club.org/workplace.htm](http://www.the100club.org/workplace.htm).

## Renew Your Membership or Order Replacement Decals online!

You can renew your membership, order replacement decals, read the latest news about The Club, read about the history of The Club, our Mission Statement or check out the FAQs, all on our web site: [www.the100club.org](http://www.the100club.org).

## 100 Club Upcoming Events

### Heroes Awards Banquet

Thursday, May 14, 2009  
55th Annual Heroes Awards Banquet honoring outstanding Law Enforcement and Firefighters in our coverage area.

*Call our office if you are interested in attending:  
713-952-0100.*

### Annual Golf Tournament

October 5, 2009  
Stay tuned for this year's location.

### Annual Meeting

January 2010

## Dr. Jack Moore Reception

The Board of Directors and Staff of The 100 Club recently honored Dr. Jack Moore, M.D. for his many years of support as a member of the Club's Board of Directors. Jack, as he is affectionately known to all of us has been a devoted leader of our pack for over 30 years.

He has served in numerous officer positions and has chaired several of the Club's important committees. He continues to serve the Club, regularly, as a Lifetime Director of The 100 Club.



(left to right) 100 Club Lifetime Director, Dr. Jack Moore; 100 Club President, Tom Pizzo.

The 100 Club will award the distinction of **Super Cops** and **Super Firefighters** to those brave men and women who performed above and beyond the call of duty before, during, and after the devastating Hurricane Ike.