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Our appreciation also goes out to the incredible work of our
Heroes Awards Committee and Firefighter and Law Enforcement
Selection Committees who were tasked with the difficult job of
selecting this year's Award Recipients.

Lastly, we would like to thank The 100 Club Officers
and Board of Directors for your tireless and unwavering
dedication to our mission. All that we do would not be
possible without your support.

And our special congratulations to this year's Award Recipients.

We are ever humbled by your outstanding service,
selfless devotion, and incredible bravery.

It is our great privilege to honor you this year as our Heroes.





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IN MEMORIAM 2023



Baytown
Police Department



K9 Officer

Lenin

March 9, 2023

Baytown Police Department K9 Officer Lenin died Thursday, March 9, 2023 after suffering a venomous snake bite while conducting training in Baytown. Officer Lenin served with the Baytown Police Department for seven months. In that time he had already been awarded several awards, and located numerous firearms and evidence.



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BANQUET

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023
Bayou City Event Center

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William F. Skeen
Executive Director

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Chaplain Vincent Johnson

PRESENTATION OF THE 100 CLUB HEROES AWARDS
Cheryl Duff, President – Award Presenter
AND
Dana Tyson, Director – Reading of the Names

BENEDICTION
Chaplain Vincent Johnson

BUFFET

USHERS
Officer Brad Piel, Houston Police Department, Retired
Lieutenant Craig Kivela, Houston Police Department

*Please note the small flower arrangements
on each table are free to take home.*



**MESSAGE FROM WILLIAM F. SKEEN,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Tonight The 100 Club continues a tradition that started in 1954 of proudly honoring our Heroes. For the past 69 Years we have been amazed at the tremendous courage, selflessness, commitment, and bravery of our heroes. This year's award recipients carry on that outstanding tradition. The 100 Club and its members salute and honor you tonight.

I am proud to represent an organization that is celebrating its 70th Year of service, and boasts over 28,000 members. And I am energized daily by our mission to make a positive impact in the lives of dependents who have lost a loved one, provider, and family member. As well as to honor exceptional actions and endeavors in policing and firefighting.

So let me be the first to congratulate our 29 Heroes Awards Recipients for 2023. It is truly a well-earned recognition for a job well done.

I also wish to sincerely thank any and all who helped make these awards possible, as well as our members for your ongoing support. And as always, I thank you, our heroes, for all that you do every day.

William F. Skeen
Executive Director



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FIREFIGHTER AWARD
RECIPIENTS

2023

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR



- Operator Bryce Campbell**..... Bryan Fire Department
- Firefighter Cameron A. Conrad** Bryan Fire Department
- Lieutenant Justin Cook** Bryan Fire Department
- Firefighter Brock England**..... Bryan Fire Department
- Firefighter Dakota J. Giddens**..... Bryan Fire Department
- Truck Officer Michael S. Land** Bryan Fire Department
- Operator Zak Pihoda** Bryan Fire Department
- Captain Brent Gorman, Sr.**..... Frelsburg Volunteer Fire Department
- Firefighter Patrick D. Bivins** Houston Fire Department

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT



- Fire Chief Kevin Hosler** Needham Fire Rescue Company

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 LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD
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 2023

SERVICE ANIMAL OF THE YEAR



Canine Bady Harris County Sheriff’s Office

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Sergeant Brittany Re..... Brazos County Sheriff’s Office
 Deputy Dustin Dishman Fort Bend County Sheriff’s Office
 Investigator Timothy D. Hayes Jr. Harris County Sheriff’s Office
 Officer Ali Abutaleb Houston Police Department
 Officer Anthony R. Alvarez Houston Police Department
 Officer Kenneth Donohue Houston Police Department
 Officer Nathan Gadson Houston Police Department
 Officer Daniel Hayden..... Houston Police Department
 Officer Mathew McMurtry Houston Police Department
 Officer Mohammed Nasser Houston Police Department
 Officer Hector A. Recinos Diaz..... Houston Police Department
 Officer Tallal Y. Salameh..... Houston Police Department
 Officer Jose Elias Salinas III..... Houston Police Department
 Officer Jarrid Sallee Houston Police Department
 Sergeant Kendrick A. Simpo Houston Police Department
 Officer Derek Carter Huntsville Police Department
 Sr. Police Officer Craig A. Myers Jr..... Huntsville Police Department
 Sr. Police Officer Viviano Junior Villafuerte..... Huntsville Police Department

FIREFIGHTER AWARD RECIPIENTS

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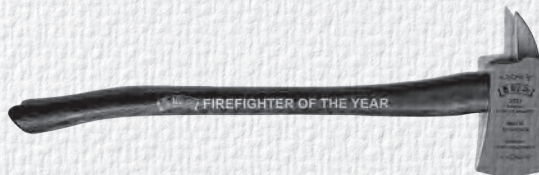
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THE 100 CLUB COMMEMORATIVE AWARDS



FIRE HELMET

The Board of Directors of The 100 Club has elected to present each Award Recipient with a custom Cairns Firefighter Presentation Helmet. Each helmet shield is inscribed with the firefighter's rank, name, agency, and the year the award is given.



CUSTOM FIREFIGHTER AXE

Each Award Recipient is also presented with a custom 36-inch chrome-plated firefighter axe with a "flamed" American hickory wood handle. The head of the axe is laser engraved with the year the award was given, The 100 Club logo, plus the recipient's name and agency. The handle is laser engraved with the name of the award.

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OPERATOR
Bryce Campbell
Bryan Fire Department



FIREFIGHTER
Cameron A. Conrad
Bryan Fire Department



LIEUTENANT
Justin Cook
Bryan Fire Department



FIREFIGHTER
Brock England
Bryan Fire Department

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FIREFIGHTER
Dakota J. Giddens
Bryan Fire Department



TRUCK OFFICER
Michael S. Land
Bryan Fire Department



OPERATOR
Zak Prihoda
Bryan Fire Department

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On January 4, 2022, Bryan Fire Department was dispatched to a single residential structure fire with a back room on fire and people possibly trapped inside. Battalion 1 requested additional engine and medical to respond. Bryan Police Department personnel were already at the scene, reporting one person trapped inside. When Engine 2 arrived at the scene, they found a 2-story residential structure with heavy black smoke. Engine 2 took initial command and crews deployed a handline to the front door.

It was determined that the victim was trapped in the back bedroom. Engine 2 redirected the crew to the back side to complete a rescue. Engine 2 crew consisting of Firefighter Brock England, Firefighter Dakota Giddens and Lieutenant Justin Cook were able to make quick access to the victim and attempted extrication. They were unable to extricate the victim through the side window due to the subject's size. Assistance was provided by Lieutenant Michael Land, Operator Zak Prihoda, Operator Bryce Campbell, and Firefighter Cameron Conrad, who were successful in dragging the victim out to safety.

Once out of the structure, the victim was provided immediate lifesaving care. The efforts in providing Advanced Life Support treatments and care helped extend the victim's chance of survival due to amazing interventions while en route to the hospital. The victim was transported to the nearest hospital where she unfortunately succumbed to injuries shortly thereafter.

Combined efforts from all on scene lead to a successful victim rescue and gave the victim a chance at survival. These seven firefighters are commended for their brave actions and quick thinking, under a very stressful situation.

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CAPTAIN
Brent Gorman, Sr.
Frelsburg Volunteer Fire Department

On October 13, 2022, the Frelsburg Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to a major accident. The accident involved a pickup truck that had struck a motorcycle. The fire department was dispatched for first responding and possible landing of a medical helicopter. Frelsburg Volunteer Fire Department Captain Brent Gorman arrived quickly on scene since the accident occurred close to his home.

Captain Gorman found the rider of the motorcycle lying in the ditch where he landed and his leg was partially amputated and bleeding. Captain Gorman was carrying a tourniquet in his supplies bag, and he quickly deployed and properly applied the device to control the bleeding. In that area of the county, the fire department is the primary response department due to the ambulance's travel distance.

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He maintained patient care until additional fire department units made it to the scene. Because of the quick application of the tourniquet, the patient's blood loss was kept to a minimum, indicating Captain Gorman performed a lifesaving act. Once medics made it to the scene, the patient care was turned over to them. Frelsburg Volunteer Fire Department setup a landing zone for the approaching Life Flight helicopter.

On November 16, 2022, The Frelsburg Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to an accidental shooting. The patient accidentally discharged a 12-gauge shotgun with the projectiles striking his hand just after the muzzle. The patient lost two fingers and was bleeding severely from the injuries. The patient and another family member jumped into a car and started driving toward Frelsburg. Their vehicle ended up breaking down at another location, hampering first responder efforts because their new location was unknown. Captain Gorman searched and found the vehicle.

He found the patient bleeding from his injuries and weak from his blood loss. Captain Gorman again, using a tourniquet, placed it on his arm to provide blood loss control. Due to the extended response time a second tourniquet had to be applied. He maintained patient care until additional fire department units and EMS arrived on scene. The patient was turned over to EMS for transport to a hospital.

Captain Gorman performed Stop the Bleed procedures with his own medical gear he carries with him every day. Both patients' outlooks were better for the lifesaving procedures he performed.

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FIREFIGHTER
Patrick D. Bivins
Houston Fire Department

On November 22, 2022, Houston Fire Department Firefighter Patrick Bivins was at home, in his kitchen and noticed that outside of his windows had become hazy. He went outside to investigate further. He immediately smelled the familiar “house fire” smell and noticed the haze was smoke coming from his neighbor’s house. He quickly ran back into his house and told his wife to call 911, then proceeded back to his neighbor’s house.

He noticed black smoke coming from soffits and roof vents and checked the front door for heat at which time he noticed it was unlocked. When he opened

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the door, the smoke was banked down less than two feet from the floor. He peeked below the smoke and could see his neighbor's legs through the smoke standing in the kitchen. Firefighter Bivins "duck walked" through the smoke until he got to his neighbor and stood up and drug him out using the fireman drag.

Because his neighbor had back surgery earlier that year, he had limited mobility. Bivins laid him down in the front yard and his other neighbors attended to him while he went back to look for his dogs. He stepped back into the burning structure and called out several times and unfortunately there was no reply. Bivins's neighbor had several burns and smoke inhalation but probably would not have survived if it wasn't for his bravery. Firefighter Bivins went above and beyond risking his life, not having protecting clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus, to save the life of his neighbor.

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

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FIRE CHIEF
Kevin Hosler
Needham Fire Rescue Company

Needham Fire Rescue Company Fire Chief Kevin Hosler has served the citizens of Montgomery County since April 17, 1982. He started his journey as a junior firefighter for New Caney Volunteer Fire Department where he served an amazing 19 years. While he was there, he rose to the rank of Assistant Chief. Now he is serving as the Fire Chief for Montgomery County ESD4/Needham Fire Rescue. He has been with them for 21 years. His dedication to the fire service has been nothing but amazing.

He was one of the original firefighters who walked door to door to get the ESD vote passed in the county, he has written two grants that have brought two new boosters to the department, a communication grant for the new 800 radio upgrade, started the TIFMAS program within the department, which has been deployed 22 times, two of those in California. He was

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the main person for changing the current department from a volunteer department to a fulltime paid department with staffing at three stations 24/7, and lowering the departments ISO to a straight class 2 with 1 being the best.

During his lengthy service, he has been awarded seven life-saving awards, five tactical awards, four tactical command awards, and five Unit Citation Awards. In 2017, Montgomery County Commissioner's Court awarded him with a proclamation for his outstanding service.

He was instrumental for the Montgomery County Fallen Firefighters Memorial fundraising and oversaw all the construction of the memorial. He coordinated with the other firefighters to raise the money and did the design and quarterly maintenance.

His contributions don't stop in Montgomery County. He has arranged the donation of \$75,000 of equipment including a fire engine and a complete set of rescue equipment and bunker gear. He has arranged equipment donations to the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department in West Texas. And the donation of equipment to several other small departments around Texas.

Chief Hosler still rides a firetruck and fights fires, mows grass, washes trucks or whatever needs to be done. If you see his men and women out there in the trenches you will see him right there next to them.

He has also paid out of his pocket for several young people who wanted to be firefighters to attend the academy. He has been a part of every major disaster that has hit this county in the last 40 years. He has been right there doing what we are supposed to do: serve the citizens.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS 2023

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THE 100 CLUB
COMMEMORATIVE PISTOL



The Board of Directors of The 100 Club has elected to present each Award Recipient with a Sig Sauer Model 229, semi-automatic Commemorative Pistol. Each gun is inscribed with the officer's name, agency, award name and date. A special 100 Club Officer of the Year lapel pin is countersunk in the grip of each gun. These commemorative pistols are presented in a handsome wooden display case.

In addition to the Commemorative Pistol, each Award Recipient will receive a Jet Black Marble plaque which is custom etched and gold filled with The 100 Club logo to celebrate the occasion.

Our K9 Service Animal of the Year winner receives a personalized commemorative silver presentation award with the Service Animal's name, agency, award name and date, on a wooden base.

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SERVICE ANIMAL OF THE YEAR

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K9 OFFICER

Bady

Harris County Sheriff's Office

On March 16, 2022, Harris County Sheriff's Office Canine Officer Bady and his handler, Deputy Clayton Marshall were dispatched to a vehicle pursuit where two suspects had fled from a car and were evading arrest on foot, inside a park. One of the suspects had already been detained but the second one was still fleeing. When the two arrived on scene, Bady was donned with his ballistic harness and began searching for the suspect.

Bady quickly picked up the suspect's scent and gave an alert near a chain link fence which the handler recognized to mean the suspect jumped the fence. Bady continued to search and alerted again toward two fallen trees where the suspect was given verbal commands to surrender which he did and was detained immediately without incident.

Bady is one of only two canines assigned to and deploy with the Harris County Sheriff's Office S.W.A.T. Team and is on call 24/7/365. In 2022, Bady was deployed 22 times resulting in 12 canine-assisted arrests and four apprehensions. Bady is now training a replacement canine since he will be retiring soon from his long-tenured career.

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SERGEANT

Brittany Re

Brazos County Sheriff's Office

On December 30, 2022, Sergeant Brittany Re of the Brazos County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division spotted a stolen Ford Mustang that had been involved in a shooting with a Bryan Police Department officer the night before. Sergeant Re attempted to initiate a traffic stop but the suspect was ignoring her emergency lights and continued to flee.

The suspect began shooting at Sergeant Re through the rear window of the Mustang and out of the driver's side window. The suspect then came to a stop on a 90 degree curve and leaned out of the driver's side window with a rifle and ambushed her.

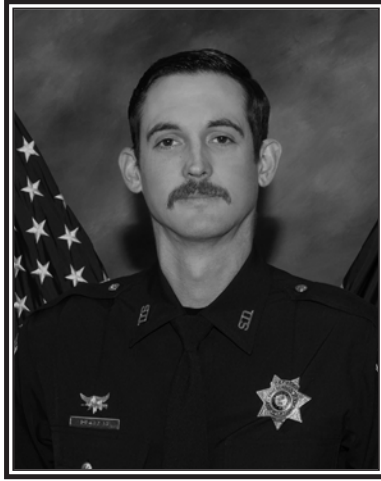
He shot multiple times at her and one of the bullets struck her shoulder, plus she also suffered shrapnel injuries to her eye, face and arm. Although she was wounded, she remained calm and directed units to her location. The suspect then fled but was later captured after a short manhunt. A later examination of her vehicle, discovered it had at least ten bullet holes.

Sergeant Re's composure during this incident was distinguished by gallantry and extraordinary heroism. She was aware of the imminent threat to her safety as the suspect began shooting at her and she acted above and beyond the call of duty at the risk of her own life.

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DEPUTY

Dustin Dishman

Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office

On June 10, 2022, Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Deputy Dustin Dishman was driving on US-59 in Sugar Land when he came upon a single vehicle major accident. The male driver appeared to be the sole occupant in the pickup truck which was flipped and resting on the passenger side of the vehicle. As Deputy Dishman approached the vehicle and made his assessments, he noticed the driver had major trauma to his left arm which appeared to be partially amputated.

Since there was substantial loss of blood on the ground and inside the vehicle, the deputy took immediate action by applying a tourniquet high on the driver's arm and stopped the bleeding. Deputy Dishman then helped the driver climb out of the vehicle through a hole in the front windshield and checked him for other wounds. He then stayed with the man until the local EMS arrived and took over the scene.

Deputy Dishman was later commended with a written "Notice of effective performance" by a responding Sugar Land Police Department sergeant for immediately applying the tourniquet and possibly saving the man's life by preventing more significant blood loss.

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INVESTIGATOR

Timothy D. Hayes Jr.

Harris County Sheriff's Office

On September 20, 2022, Harris County Sheriff's Office Deputy Timothy Hayes obtained a pocket warrant for the arrest of a suspect in a cold case quadruple murder of a family from 2014. Deputy Hayes began reviewing this cold case in April of 2021 in continuation of the original investigation of the Harris County Sheriff's Office Homicide Unit. It had been about seven years since the murders and the original suspect had fled to China after the murders as there was not enough evidence to charge him at the time.

Deputy Hayes worked collaboratively with the FBI, re-interviewed witnesses, submitted old and new evidence and prepared and executed numerous warrants. His hard work resulted in DNA evidence being discovered and a match to the suspect. The evidence placed the suspect at the scene of the crime.

Deputy Hayes coordinated the arrest of the suspect after the suspect traveled from China to California. The suspect is now in the Harris County jail awaiting trial for the capital murder of the four family members who were murdered in 2014.

Viewing or Ordering 2023 Heroes Awards Portraits

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OFFICER
Ali Abutaleb
Houston Police Department



OFFICER
Mohammed Nasser
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OFFICER
Tallal Salameh
Houston Police Department

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On February 23, 2022, Houston Police Department Officers Ali Abutaleb, Mohammed Nasser and Tallal Salameh responded to a call for service regarding an “assist the officer” at the PlazAmericas Mall in Houston. San Jacinto County Precinct 1 Deputy Neil Adams was working an extra job inside a store at the PlazAmericas Mall that day. Deputy Adams encountered the irate suspect inside the store and even though Deputy Adams attempted to de-escalate the situation, the suspect punched Deputy Adams in the face knocking him to the ground. Unbeknownst to anyone, the defendant had extensive mixed martial arts training and even owned a local gym. The suspect attacked the deputy repeatedly to the point the deputy could no longer defend himself. The suspect was able to retrieve the deputy’s duty weapon from his holster. Sadly, the deputy was killed with his own weapon. The suspect dropped the gun after emptying it and calmly walked out of the store.

Upon arrival, Officer Mohammed Nasser was met outside of the mall, by a security guard, who provided more details regarding the incident, and a better description of the suspect. As Officer Nasser proceeded into the store, it was apparent there was nothing Officer Nasser could do to save Deputy Adams. Deputy Adams was deceased. Officer Nasser went back into the courtyard of the mall to locate the suspect. Witnesses began pointing out the suspect as he calmly rode the escalator down to the first floor.

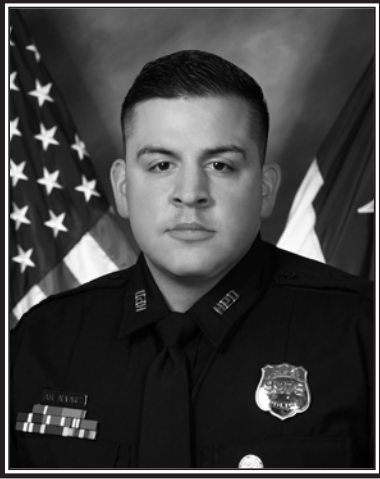
Officer Nasser observed the suspect to have a sharp-edged weapon in his hand and immediately began giving the suspect multiple commands to drop the weapon. Officer Nasser even retreated backwards as the suspect walked towards him with the edged weapon, all the while hoping the suspect would comply. At that time, Officers Tallal Salameh and Ali Abutaleb arrived to assist Officer Nasser.

As Officer Nasser created distance between him and the suspect, the suspect chased after Officer Nasser with the edged weapon. Officers Nasser and Officer Salameh had no choice but to use deadly force to stop the suspect. However, moments after the suspect went down from gunfire, he jumped back to his feet and began to calmly walk away from the officers. Officer Abutaleb then had to tase the suspect to get him into custody. Once the suspect was down on the ground, the suspect continued to fight the officers as they attempted to render medical aid to him.

Officers Mohammed Nasser, Tallal Salameh, and Ali Abutaleb encountered a very unexpected and tumultuous scene that day. These officers were vigilant in locating the suspect and ensuring the safety of all the citizens in the mall. These officers showed great bravery in the face of an incredibly dangerous and chaotic situation. These officers are recognized for their fearlessness, professionalism, and genuine passion for the community they serve.

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OFFICER
Anthony R. Alvarez
Houston Police Department



OFFICER
Nathan Gadson
Houston Police Department



OFFICER
Daniel Hayden
Houston Police Department



OFFICER
Hector A. Recinos Diaz
Houston Police Department

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On January 27, 2022, Houston Police Department Officer Nathan Gadson and his partner Officer Anthony Alvarez were in pursuit of a suspect who was actively evading police in a vehicle. The suspect crashed his vehicle and immediately opened fire on the officers with a fully automatic firearm, sending rapid, accurate fire at the officer's vehicle, wounding them. Officer Gadson immediately engaged the suspect, and dealt with multiple firearm distractions and failures while under heavy fire. Officer Gadson sought concealment and cover and continued to fire at the suspect who was still pouring automatic fire at the officers.

When Officer Gadson had emptied his last magazine, he saw a partially loaded magazine on the ground that had ejected during a weapon malfunction. He showed exemplary courage and bravery as he ran into the "kill zone", retrieved the magazine that had been partially fired, loaded his pistol, and continued to pursue the suspect who had started to run away from the crash while still firing at officers. Officer Gadson and his fellow officers pursued the suspect without any hesitation, despite the certain danger and being outgunned by a suspect armed with a firearm that had been illegally converted into a machine gun.

The suspect carjacked a citizen, removing her from her vehicle, continuing to fire at the pursuing officers. During this hailstorm of bullets, Officer Alvarez received a life-threatening injury, shattering his femur, and knocking him to the ground. Officer Gadson displayed great tactical awareness and told Officer Alvarez to stop firing, as he noted that the citizen was about to get in the way. Officer Gadson engaged the suspect when it was clear and placed rounds at the threat to ensure the survivability of his fellow officers. The suspect fled but was later apprehended. Officer Gadson immediately rendered aid to Officer Alvarez, applying a tourniquet to prevent him from bleeding out.

Houston Police Department Officer Daniel Hayden sustained injury from this barrage of fire. His injury was so grievous that he was unable to draw his pistol and could not engage the suspect nor return fire. Officer Hayden immediately extricated himself from the raging gun battle so that the other officers could continue the fight without having to worry about his welfare. He provided self-aid, placing a tourniquet on himself to prevent the extreme loss of blood that was pouring from his injury. Officer Hayden provided information over the radio to dispatch and responding officers regarding the scene.

Houston Police Department Officer Hector Recinos Diaz immediately engaged the suspect, returning fire. Despite seeing his fellow officers shot, he demonstrated valor, courage, and bravery, pursuing after the suspect on foot when the suspect ran from the scene, still armed and firing at the police. Officer Recinos Diaz was able to relay vital information to dispatch and responding units, such as the current location of events, that there were wounded officers, and the vehicle information when the suspect carjacked a citizen. All of these actions were done while engaging a violent felon.

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OFFICER

Kenneth Donohue

Houston Police Department



OFFICER

Jose Elias Salinas III

Houston Police Department

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On May 18, 2022, Houston Police Department Officer Jose Salinas was responding to a scene to investigate a carjacking robbery. While en route to the call, Officer Salinas heard on the radio that the suspect had returned and was seen driving from the location. Officer Salinas was driving towards the scene when suddenly the suspect's vehicle was driving directly at him, purposefully changed lanes towards him, then crashing into him in a head-on collision.

Officer Salinas maintained outstanding situational awareness during this encounter. Even though he was just involved in a major accident, he immediately placed the vehicle in reverse, and backed up the patrol vehicle while changing lanes so that he would avoid any possible traffic behind him. This was an amazing feat considering that all of this was accomplished in an extremely short time frame and that the airbags had deployed, striking the officer in the face. Officer Salinas came to a stop shortly after and exited his patrol vehicle, having to force open the door which was jammed from the impact of the crash. The suspect had opened fire on him and he engaged the suspect returning accurate fire.

Houston Police Department Officer Kenneth Donohue was investigating the same carjacking robbery scene and was speaking with the complainant, getting her statement. During this interview, she pointed and cried out that she saw the suspect driving towards them. Officer Donohue started to follow after the suspect and relayed the direction of travel over the radio.

While trying to catch up to the suspect, he saw the suspect purposefully crash into Officer Salinas, exit the vehicle, approach the wrecked patrol vehicle and open fire at the officer. Officer Donohue immediately engaged the suspect with accurate fire, preventing the suspect from closing in on the other officer and causing serious bodily injury or death. When the suspect went down, he approached the suspect who continued to resist attempts at being handcuffed. When the suspect was finally handcuffed, medical aid was rendered.

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OFFICER
Mathew McMurtry
Houston Police Department



OFFICER
Jarrid Sallee
Houston Police Department

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On May 4, 2022 Houston Police Department Officer Jarrid Sallee and his partner, Officer Mathew McMurtry, were assisting the Drug Enforcement Administration as part of a joint task force narcotics investigation. Officers Sallee and McMurtry conducted a traffic stop in southeast Houston on a pickup truck for speeding and failure to drive in a single lane. The driver was suspected of moving large amounts of narcotics and weapons throughout the Houston area.

Officers Sallee and McMurtry approached the vehicle and engaged in a roadside interview with the driver, who refused to identify himself. Officer Sallee was on the passenger side but moved over to the driver's side due to a large number of suitcases on the passenger seat that did not allow him to see. As Officer Sallee walked over to the driver's side, Officer McMurtry asked the driver to remove his seat belt and exit the vehicle in order to detain him.

At that point, the suspect quickly drew a pistol from his waistband and began shooting at Officer Sallee. Officer Sallee was struck in the right hip and vest and fell to the ground. Despite this, Officer Sallee stayed in the fight and began returning fire at the suspect, striking him several times. Officer McMurtry also returned fire and then began to render aid to Officer Sallee after seeing the suspect was incapacitated.

Officer Sallee suffered extreme damage to the nerves in his right hip, making it nearly impossible for him to walk. He is still at home and is attending physical therapy sessions twice a week in an attempt to return to full duty. The suspect survived and was charged at the state and federal level. Weapons and narcotics were recovered at the scene.

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SERGEANT
Kendrick A. Simpo
Houston Police Department

On February 5, 2022, Houston Police Department Sergeant Kendrick Simpo, while working an extra-job at the Galleria Mall, heard an alert go out over the security radio of a man walking through the mall carrying an assault-style rifle. A security guard had just broadcast a detailed description of the armed man, dressed all in black wearing a "Punisher" T-Shirt, along with his location and direction of travel. Sergeant Simpo, accompanied by a supervisor for the security company, immediately responded to the call.

On this particular morning, The Galleria was hosting a youth dance competition for children, mostly 10-years of age and younger. Not wanting to unduly panic the children and their parents, Sergeant Simpo decided to keep his weapon holstered as he walked briskly past the children toward the reported location of the armed suspect. To their surprise, when Sergeant Simpo

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located the suspect, he found him to be much further inside the mall than initially reported; he was within 40 feet of the entrance of the youth dance competition, headed that way, and was even closer to them.

Because Sergeant Simpo and the security supervisor were in a walkway which offered no cover or concealment whatsoever, Sergeant Simpo pushed the supervisor to the side to create distance between the suspect and her. Sergeant Simpo then ran to the suspect and attempted to wrestle the rifle away. Although he was unable to wrestle the rifle away because the suspect had secured it to himself with a sling, Sergeant Simpo was able to point the rifle away from himself and the dance competition area and use the rifle and sling as leverage to pin the suspect against the wall.

As additional officers arrived the suspect was handcuffed and brought under control. The suspect, after being searched, was found to be in possession of not only the 5.56 mm rifle, which was loaded with a 30-round magazine, a round in the chamber and had the safety off, he was also in possession of six additional fully loaded 30-round magazines of 5.56 ammunition as well as two more boxes of ammunition in his pockets. Furthermore, the suspect had a loaded .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol tucked into his front waist-band.

Although it cannot be definitively said, it certainly appears, based upon the suspect's dress, number of arms and ammunition, direction and speed of movement, he had every intention of entering the location of the children's dance competition to perpetrate a mass casualty shooting. Regardless, due to the quick actions of Sergeant Simpo, even at substantial risk to himself, with the assistance of the other officers, the suspect was subdued and arrested without injury to anyone. The conduct of Sergeant Simpo brings credit to himself, the Houston Police Department, and all law enforcement officers.

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OFFICER
Derek Carter
Huntsville Police Department



SENIOR POLICE OFFICER
Craig A. Meyers Jr
Huntsville Police Department



SENIOR POLICE OFFICER
Viviano Junior Villafuerte
Huntsville Police Department

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On December 17, 2022, Huntsville Police Department Officer Derek Carter, Senior Police Officer Craig Myers, and Senior Police Officer Viviano Villafuerte responded to a residential fire call. Officers arrived on scene prior to the fire department and were advised there was still someone inside the residence. The back half of the house was fully engulfed and the front of the house was full of smoke. Senior Police Officer Villafuerte and Officer Carter immediately began to enter the smoke-filled house having to belly crawl to stay below the smoke.

Senior Police Officer Myers went around the house, breached a window to help allow smoke to exit, and observed an occupant unconscious on the living room floor. Myers illuminated the body with his flashlight and called to Villafuerte and Carter to come to the sound of his voice and the light from his flashlight. The two officers were able to locate the occupant and drag him to the front porch of the residence. Myers then took over and requested assistance from a Walker County deputy on scene to assist him in carrying the unconscious occupant to safety.

Shortly after the occupant was pulled from the residence, the entire house was fully engulfed in flames. The occupant was flown to a nearby hospital in critical but stable condition. If not for the quick action of Officer Derek Carter, Senior Police Officer Craig Myers, and Senior Police Officer Viviano Villafuerte the outcome of this residential fire would have been grave.

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THE 100 CLUB'S HISTORY

The Club began in 1953 when one hundred men gave \$100 each. The charter was approved in March 1960. The 100 Club's purpose is twofold:

1. To provide assistance to dependents of certified peace officers and firefighters who are killed or seriously injured in the line of duty while protecting our lives and property
2. To provide law enforcement agencies with life-protecting equipment that cannot be secured through budgeted funds

ORGANIZATION

The volunteer membership organization is managed by a board of directors, elected by the members. We provide line-of-duty death benefits and seriously injured benefits to law enforcement officers and firefighters at federal, state, county, and municipal levels in Angelina, Austin, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Harris, Houston, Jasper, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Robertson, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, Waller, and Washington Counties. Statewide benefits are provided to the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

BENEFITS TO DEPENDENT FAMILIES

The first check given to a family was \$1,000. Now \$20,000 is given immediately to the surviving spouse within 24 to 48 hours. The amount given to date is over \$26.1 million, with more than 200 families receiving benefits. A total of more than \$6.9 million is being held in the Survivor's Fund for the dependents of peace officers and firefighters "killed or seriously injured in the line of duty."

EQUIPMENT

More than \$14.4 million has been spent to provide life-protecting equipment such as bulletproof vests, armored vehicles, and other needed equipment for officer safety.

MEMBERSHIP

Since 1953, The 100 Club has grown from 100 members to its current membership of 28,376.

TOTAL GIFTS

During our current fiscal year to date, as of March 31, 2023, The 100 Club expended more than \$347,000 in support of law enforcement officers and firefighters and their dependents. A total of over \$50 million has been expended for all purposes since the club's inception. Law enforcement officers, firefighters, and their dependents deserve total community support. We give funds and sympathy. They give their lives while protecting ours.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

**28,376
members**

Current Membership

Since 1953, we have grown from 100 members to an organization that is now 29,466 members strong.

**\$26.1
million
to date**

Survivor's Fund Contributions

To date, we have helped over 200 dependent families of peace officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

**\$14.4
million
to date**

Life-Protecting Equipment Provided

Since the early '70s, we have proactively worked to keep area law enforcement officers safe.

**\$50
million
to date**

Total Support

Since our beginning in 1953, your 100 Club has provided over \$50 million in support of law enforcement and firefighters.

**JOIN
THE 100 CLUB
TODAY.**



**GIVE TO THE
SURVIVORS
FUND.**



**FOLLOW US
ON
FACEBOOK.**



SHOW THEM HOW MUCH YOU CARE.

\$100 REGULAR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

- Annual renewal
- Two decals

Color changes annually.



\$1,000 LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

- No renewal
- Two gold decals

Quarterly Life Membership option –
\$250 annually, 4 consecutive years.
Quarterly Life Memberships receive colored decals for years 1-3.
Lifetime Member status is achieved and gold decals are provided after full \$1,000 is paid.



\$150 BUSINESS REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

- Annual renewal
- One large Business decal and two Regular Annual Membership decals



\$1,500 BUSINESS LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- No renewal
- One large Business Life Member decal and two gold Life Member decals



*Additional decals available upon request.
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