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

We would also 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.

We extend 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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# 70th MEMORIAM 2024



Montgomery County  
Sheriff's Office



Deputy  
**Charles Rivette**  
February 21, 2024



Harris County  
Sheriff's Office



Deputy  
**John Coddou**  
April 23, 2024



# 70<sup>th</sup> HEROES AWARDS BANQUET

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TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024  
Bayou City Event Center

MASTER OF CEREMONIES  
William F. Skeen  
Executive Director

INVOCATION  
Chaplain Vincent Johnson

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

BENEDICTION  
Chaplain Vincent Johnson

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



MESSAGE FROM WILLIAM F. SKEEN,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tonight The 100 Club continues a tradition that started in 1954 of proudly honoring our local Heroes for exceptional actions and endeavors in policing and firefighting.

For the past 70 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 27,000 members salute and honor you tonight.

I am proud to represent an organization that is celebrating its 71st Year of service. The 100 Club continues daily to fulfill our mission of supporting our Officers, Firefighters and their families in many different ways.

So let me be the first to congratulate our 40 Heroes Awards Recipients for 2024. 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William F. Skeen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

William F. Skeen  
Executive Director

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FIREFIGHTER AWARD  
RECIPIENTS

2024

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Firefighter Javon C. Milton.....Northwest Volunteer Fire Department

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Operator Brett Carsey.....Bryan Fire Department  
Operator John Lubanski.....Bryan Fire Department  
Firefighter Jason Oechsle.....Bryan Fire Department  
Driver/Operator Jesse Prihoda.....Bryan Fire Department  
Driver/Operator James Stewart.....Bryan Fire Department  
Firefighter Jeremy Lopez.....Cy-Fair Fire Department  
Firefighter Neil Wleczyk.....Cy-Fair Fire Department  
Firefighter Joe A. Gandara.....Houston Fire Department  
Firefighter John Lamb.....Houston Fire Department  
Sr. Captain Justin A. Mayrant.....Houston Fire Department  
Sr. Captain Taylor Bales.....Houston Fire Department  
Firefighter Ian Campbell.....Houston Fire Department  
Firefighter Jake Slagle.....Houston Fire Department  
Captain Jason Martinez.....Houston Fire Department  
Firefighter Gentry N. O'Connor.....Klein Fire Department  
Captain Chad Foreman.....Klein Fire Department  
Firefighter Anthony A. Hempel.....Klein Fire Department  
Lieutenant Joe L. Johnson II.....Montgomery County ESD #6  
Lieutenant Jimmy Peek III.....Northwest Volunteer Fire Department

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 LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD  
 RECIPIENTS  
 2024

SERVICE ANIMAL OF THE YEAR  
 ★

Canine Storm ..... Harris County Sheriff’s Office

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



Deputy Joshua Bryan Hayden ..... Montgomery County Constable Pct. 5

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



- Sergeant Corey Hood..... Bellville Police Department
- Sergeant Kelvin Ray Whorton ..... Hempstead Police Department
- Sergeant Mauricio Valle ..... Houston Police Department
- Deputy Brian Williams..... Harris County Constable Pct 5
- Sergeant Michael S. Burrow..... Houston Police Department
- Sergeant Ross M. Watson..... Houston Police Department
- Officer Adrian Thomas Rogers ..... Houston Police Department
- Officer Flavio D. Perez ..... Huntsville Police Department
- Sergeant Kyle Dockery ..... Huntsville Police Department
- Corporal John T. French..... Huntsville Police Department
- Officer Madison Nielsen..... Panorama Village Police Department
- Officer Harold B. Kincaid ..... Spring Branch ISD Police Department
- Deputy Brandon Crissmon-Stewart..... Harris County Constable Pct 1
- Deputy Austin Howard..... Harris County Sheriff’s Office
- Deputy Shaun O’Bannion..... Harris County Sheriff’s Office
- Deputy Jerry Pineda ..... Harris County Sheriff’s Office

SUPER COP AWARD



Officer Bradford D. Smith..... College Station Police Department

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Major Grover F. Huff ..... Texas Rangers Company A



# FIREFIGHTER AWARD RECIPIENTS 2024

## 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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ROOKIE OF THE YEAR  
2024



FIREFIGHTER  
**Javon C. Milton**  
Northwest Volunteer Fire Department

On the evening of July 12, 2023, Northwest Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to a reported fire in an apartment building. The initial reports were of heavy fire and smoke. Lieutenant Jimmy Peek and Firefighter Javon Milton responded as a part of the truck company on Tower 40.

When they arrived, they began searching the burning apartments when the building became unsafe and an evacuation was ordered. They were notified of a missing individual and Lieutenant Peek and Firefighter Milton began a search of the apartment under high heat and low visibility, knowing that the building was very quickly deteriorating. They located a male victim on his bed in the bedroom and Lieutenant Peek ordered Firefighter Milton to go outside and meet him at the adjacent window. They broke the window and Lieutenant Peek passed the victim to Firefighter Milton who pulled him to safety.

The victim was not breathing and did not have a pulse. They immediately began resuscitative efforts until EMS arrived and transported the victim to a local hospital. Because of the fearless and immediate actions taken by Lieutenant Peek and Firefighter Milton, the victim's life was saved.

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FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

2024



OPERATOR

**Brett Carsey**

Bryan Fire Department



OPERATOR

**John Lubanski**

Bryan Fire Department



FIREFIGHTER

**Jason Oechsle**

Bryan Fire Department





On April 11, 2023, Operator Brett Carsey, Operator John Lubanski, and Firefighter Jason Oechsle were called out to a high rescue and arrived on scene to find a male nearly 30 feet off the ground in a tree. He was conscious, but was unable to climb down after being hit with a falling branch, injuring his pelvis and legs. He had no safety equipment on and all the limbs from the top of the tree had already been removed, leaving him to cling to the top of the tree trunk.

Operator Brett Carsey, Operator John Lubanski, and Firefighter Jason Oechsle climbed the tree and placed the injured male in a harness and KED, then assembled a haul system to remove him from the tree. The haul system was made with multiple ladders and guide ropes to ensure a secure rescue high support point. One rescuer stayed at the top of the tree and manned the rope at the high point while the other two guided and lowered the male down.

This rescue is not something that occurs often and they worked efficiently as a team to safely bring the male down. The male victim was rescued and at the hospital within 28 minutes. This would not have been possible without the extraordinary efforts of Operator Brett Carsey, Operator John Lubanski, and Firefighter Jason Oechsle. We commend their quick response and efficient efforts to get the man down and to the hospital.

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FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

2024



DRIVER/OPERATOR

**Jesse Prihoda**

Bryan Fire Department



DRIVER/OPERATOR

**James Stewart**

Bryan Fire Department

On June 15th, 2023, Bryan Fire Department's technical rescue team responded to a report of a male subject unconscious 250 to 300 feet up a communications tower. Apparatus Operator James Stewart and Apparatus Operator Jesse Prihoda climbed the tower, provided ALS treatments, and then lowered the subject to the ground using high angle techniques.

Thanks to the quick and fearless efforts of Apparatus Operator James Stewart and Apparatus Operator Jesse Prihoda, the male victim survived.

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FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR  
2024



FIREFIGHTER  
**Jeremy Lopez**  
Cy-Fair Fire Department



FIREFIGHTER  
**Neil Wleczyk**  
Cy-Fair Fire Department

The Cy-Fair Fire Department responded to a structure fire on September 11, 2023 to find smoke showing from the second floor of a house that was being renovated.

Firefighter Jeremy Lopez, Firefighter Neil Wleczyk, and Lieutenant Ben McDonald positioned themselves on the first level of the roof to cut a hole for ventilation.

Firefighter Wleczyk stayed with the ladder as the others continued to the second level of the roof. Within seconds, Lt. McDonald fell through the roof and Firefighter Lopez's foot slipped into the hole, but he was able to move to safety.

Without delay or consideration of his own safety, Firefighter Wleczyk began an attempt to rescue Lt. McDonald, who was enveloped in fire. Simultaneously, Firefighter Lopez came to assist with the rescue. The two firefighters tugged and pulled at Lt. McDonald as the roof was crumbling around them.

In desperation, Firefighter Lopez grabbed Lt. McDonald's air pack harness and the two firefighters were able to pull Lt. McDonald out of the hole. Firefighter Wleczyk and Firefighter Lopez's unwavering bravery and quick actions undoubtedly saved Lt. McDonald's life.

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FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

2024



FIREFIGHTER

**Joe A. Gandara**

Houston Fire Department



FIREFIGHTER

**John Lamb**

Houston Fire Department



Sr. CAPTAIN

**Justin A. Mayrant**

Houston Fire Department



On October 4, 2023, firefighters were dispatched to a duplex fire with a report of a person trapped inside. Upon arrival, neighbors told them that an elderly female was on the second floor, where there was heavy fire and smoke.

The crews cut through two sets of steel security gates to gain access. Firefighter Joe A. Gandara, Firefighter John Lamb, and Sr. Captain Justin A. Mayrant of Tower 69 immediately ascended to the second floor and rescued the approximately 70-year-old female. Firefighter Lamb carried her to the medic where she was transported to the hospital in serious condition.

Firefighters continued to control the fire and accessed the roof to fully extinguish the fire and ventilate the home.

It is through the quick actions of Firefighter Joe A. Gandara, Firefighter John Lamb, and Sr. Captain Justin A. Mayrant that the resident was successfully rescued and transported to the hospital, where she was alert and talking.

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FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

2024



Sr. CAPTAIN  
**Taylor Bales**  
Houston Fire Department



FIREFIGHTER  
**Ian Campbell**  
Houston Fire Department



FIREFIGHTER  
**Jake Slagle**  
Houston Fire Department



On February 17, 2023, the Houston Fire Department responded to a house fire. Upon arrival, they found heavy smoke and fire coming from the home with a report of someone trapped inside.

They not only kept the fire in check, but also managed to search part of the home when the victim was located. The crew of Ladder 34 made entry through the side of the house by way of a bathroom wall/window. They found the victim and removed her from a very small space. It was a difficult task, taking major efforts. Sr. Captain Bales's CAN reports and Firefighters Campbell and Slagle's stamina and determination made the rescue possible.

The victim, a 74-year-old female, was transported to the hospital with life-threatening injuries. Under the most difficult of conditions, the crew performed admirably. They not only put themselves in harm's way, but also did so in a most selfless way, insuring the fire victim lived.

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FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

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CAPTAIN

**Jason Martinez**

Houston Fire Department

On November 18, 2023, the Houston Fire Department responded to a patient who had crawled through the center of a roadway sign and was sitting approximately 40 feet above 1-45 S, bleeding profusely from a self-inflicted wound.

Captain Jason Martinez crawled to the end of Ladder 7, hanging over the freeway, to make contact with the patient. He also noticed the patient had tied a wire around his neck and the sign structure in an attempt to hang himself.

He created a rapport with the patient, attempting to calm him and gain his trust. This allowed other responders to arrive on scene and set up for the rescue. They closed the freeway while others arrived and worked together to set up the tower under Captain Martinez and the victim. This created another layer of safety that allowed easier access to the patient who began choking himself by placing pressure on the wire around his neck. Captain Martinez recognized the critical situation and quickly cut the wire and grabbed the victim to keep him from falling. When the wire was cut, the patient quickly became combative again but was controlled by the crews.

This was an outstanding example of teamwork, caring and compassion. Everyone on scene worked in a very difficult position, but ultimately made a successful rescue. The professionalism and care shown towards this patient is commendable, and Captain Martinez's actions and dedication ensured that the individual would safely get the support he needed.



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FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR  
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FIREFIGHTER  
**Gentry N. O'Connor**  
Klein Fire Department

On March 19, 2023, Klein Fire Department responded to a structure fire, observing smoke coming from a one-story house. They assumed command of the incident and took control of the fire.

Firefighter and Acting Captain Gentry N. O'Connor performed a 360 survey of the structure and forced the door open. He then heard a victim call out for help, and entered the house. He then moved towards the right side where he encountered a kitchen fully engulfed in flames.

During the fire fight, Firefighter O'Connor used his thermal imaging camera to search for the victim. Once he found the badly burned victim, he notified command that he was bringing him outside of the structure. He then began to drag the victim to the closest exit, which was attached to the garage. He dragged the victim through the garage and into the driveway.

The fire victim was turned over to paramedics, where he was transported to the hospital. Firefighter Gentry N. O'Connor relentlessly pursued and rescued the victim that was trapped in the house.

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CAPTAIN

**Chad Foreman**

Klein Fire Department



FIREFIGHTER

**Anthony A. Hempel**

Klein Fire Department

On December 10, 2023, Klein Fire Department responded to a house fire with possible victims trapped inside. Once on location, they found a two-story house with heavy fire showing from the front. Captain Chad Foreman, and Firefighter Anthony Hempel were on an apparatus staged three houses down from the fire.

A neighbor walked up to Firefighter Hempel and informed him that the victims were most likely in the back side of the house in a bedroom. He stated there was a door on the back side that led into the room. During the fire fight, there were several oxygen tank fires/explosions occurring in the attached garage.



Captain Foreman was informed by Firefighter Hempel of the information the neighbor told him concerning the victim's location. They searched and found a single door, which Firefighter Hempel forced open, finding heavy black smoke banking down to the floor. Using a thermal imaging camera, Captain Foreman found the first victim. After moving the victim about five feet, she became hung up on something not visible in the black smoke. Firefighter Hempel took over at the wrist and Captain Foreman grabbed her legs. They both pulled her out of the back of the house. Once outside, they were met by another Fire and EMS crew who began patient care.

As soon they handed the victim to the awaiting crews, Captain Foreman and Firefighter Hempel re-entered the home to continue to search for a missing child. Firefighter Hempel found the child under a pillow by the headboard, picked up the child and carried her outside. Once outside, Firefighter Hempel provided aid to the child on the awaiting stretcher before a Medic crew took over patient care. Captain Foreman and Firefighter Hempel re-entered the house one last time to search for any other victims and found the homeowner's dog which was also brought out of the house.

Captain Foreman and Firefighter Hempel were prepared, followed orders, and showed no hesitation performing assigned tasks during the rescue and at the scene.

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FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

2024



LIEUTENANT

**Joe L. Johnson II**

Montgomery County ESD #6

On February 27, 2023, Lieutenant Joe L. Johnson and company were dispatched to a report of an overdose at the 24000 block of Loop 494. While still responding, dispatch advised responders that there were two patients experiencing symptoms of fentanyl overdose. Upon arrival, two patients were found unconscious on either side of their vehicle. Lt. Johnson split his crew to provide care to both patients simultaneously while guiding the care given. Lt. Johnson had only one vial of Narcan and decided to split the vial between two patients.

This was technically outside of typical procedure, but Lt. Johnson maintained an overview of the scene, and was able to improvise and save both lives despite the circumstance.

EMS arrived on location and continued life-saving care on both patients, who ultimately woke and were able to breathe on their own. Both patients were still transported, and were expected to make a full recovery. His quick thinking and willingness to deviate from a standard saved two lives that day.

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FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR  
2024



LIEUTENANT  
**Jimmy Peek III**  
Northwest Volunteer Fire Department

On the evening of July 12, 2023, Northwest Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to a reported fire in an apartment building. The initial reports were of heavy fire and smoke. Lieutenant Jimmy Peek and Firefighter Javon Milton responded as a part of the truck company on Tower 40.

When they arrived, they began searching the burning apartments when the building became unsafe and an evacuation was ordered. They were notified of a missing individual and Lieutenant Peek and Firefighter Milton began a search of the apartment under high heat, low visibility, and knowing that the building was very quickly deteriorating. They located a male victim on his bed in the bedroom and Lieutenant Peek ordered Firefighter Milton to go outside and meet him at the adjacent window. They broke the window and Lieutenant Peek passed the victim to Firefighter Milton who pulled him to safety.

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# LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS 2024

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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

2024



K9 OFFICER

**Storm**

Harris County Sheriff's Office

On October 7, 2023, Deputy Jerry Pineda and K9 Storm responded to a shooting involving a Patrol District One Deputy, who had sustained a gunshot wound/laceration to the top of his head and had returned fire on the suspect. The suspect managed to flee the scene on foot in an attempt to escape. Several other agencies responded to the area, and a perimeter was set up to search and find the suspect.

K9 Handler, Deputy Pineda and his K9, Storm, (who is a Dual-Purpose K9 and certified in patrol apprehension), tracked the suspect to a nearby backyard of a residence. K9 Storm was on "high alert" and was so driven that his leash became entangled in a gate. Due to the severity and immediate danger of the situation, Deputy Pineda released K9 Storm from his leash and deployed him to enter the backyard. K9 Storm immediately located the suspect hiding underneath a trampoline.

The suspect was holding a firearm and shot at least one round in K9 Storm and Deputy Pineda's direction. K9 Storm, undeterred, engaged the suspect and did not release his hold, all the while being struck on or about his face and head by the suspect with the pistol. Deputy Pineda, without thought to his own safety, approached the armed suspect and took him into custody.

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ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

2024



DEPUTY

**Joshua Bryan Hayden**

Montgomery County Constable Pct. 5

In January of 2023, Deputy Hayden located and stopped a vehicle driven by a known gang member and narcotics dealer. The driver was arrested with 163.5 grams of methamphetamine and a gun. The suspect was arrested and taken off the streets.

In February of 2023, Deputy Hayden stopped a vehicle that had a passenger who was a known gang member and seized 121.7 grams of methamphetamine that was being brought into Magnolia, Texas for distribution. The driver of the vehicle was also arrested for illegally possessing a firearm. The passenger was a major accomplice in transporting narcotics in Magnolia, Texas.

In March of 2023, Deputy Hayden located and stopped a vehicle driven by a known narcotics dealer. The driver was arrested with 83 grams of methamphetamine. The suspect was arrested and taken off the streets.

In April of 2023, Deputy Hayden located and stopped a vehicle in the Precinct 5 area. The driver was arrested with 101 pressed pills containing fentanyl, 12.5 grams of methamphetamine, and two guns. The suspect was arrested for Manufacture and Delivery of Controlled Substances and for possession of the two firearms.





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In July of 2023, Deputy Hayden was a huge help in the execution of a search warrant at a business selling illegal narcotics. Deputy Hayden led a team in securing the location and arresting individuals selling and possessing narcotics. Deputy Hayden helped secure and seize over 162 pounds of illicit drugs and \$6,218 in cash that was from the selling of those drugs. Deputy Hayden's efforts were valuable in the success of taking this large amount of illegal drugs off of the streets of Montgomery County.

Throughout the year, Deputy Hayden also located and cleared 131 active fugitive warrants, which subsequently contributed to maintain zero additions to the most wanted list in the Precinct 5 area.

During the end-of-year holiday months, Deputy Hayden worked with local business chains in an attempt to locate and arrest individuals stealing from those businesses. This was a part of a safe shopper program. Deputy Hayden was highly praised by the management of those businesses as he assisted them with the apprehension and arrest of multiple individuals stealing from their stores. His ability to create these relationships with the businesses has helped keep the thefts in the stores down.

One of Deputy Hayden's biggest accomplishments has been becoming a huge part of the community. He is well known by citizens in the community and has done a great job providing assistance to everyone he can. This includes his work at the local schools and charities, including S.O.S, a local organization that helps feed and clothe those in need. Deputy Hayden has also cultivated great relationships with other officers in surrounding agencies and assisted them in large investigations and arrests. His efforts have brought a huge boost to the working relationships between those departments and Precinct 5.

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OFFICER OF THE YEAR

2024



SERGEANT

**Corey Hood**

Bellville Police Department



SERGEANT

**Kelvin Ray Whorton**

Hempstead Police Department

On May 10, 2023, a very violent individual was apprehended in Bellville after killing his wife in Houston, TX. Once in Bellville, the suspect attempted to kidnap a young lady, who was standing by her car at one of the local convenience stores when Sergeant Corey Hood with the Bellville Police Department and Sergeant Kelvin Whorton with the Hempstead Police Department intervened.

During the attempted abduction, the suspect saw the officers as they pulled into the store's parking lot. He immediately released the young lady, then quickly got into his truck to flee, leading to a high-speed chase. The suspect rammed into Sergeant Hood's truck, disabling it. Within seconds, the suspect was met with an entourage of local law enforcement units and surrendered.

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OFFICER OF THE YEAR

2024



SERGEANT

**Mauricio Valle**

Houston Police Department

On December 2, 2023, the Houston Police Department-Midwest Division's Crime Suppression Team, led by Sergeant Mauricio Valle, was following up on a burglary investigation when they became aware of a possible suspect involved in several burglaries of businesses in the area. Upon locating the suspect, the officers began conducting surveillance of the suspect using unmarked cars.

Sergeant Mauricio Valle drove his unmarked car into a parking lot in the rear of a building to survey the area, when he was suddenly ambushed by the suspect who emerged from a hidden position and began shooting directly at him.

Despite having sustained multiple debilitating gunshot wounds to both arms and both legs, Sergeant Valle exited his vehicle and quickly returned accurate gunfire on the suspect before he collapsed. Even though seriously wounded, Sergeant Valle was able to call for help and direct his officers to the suspect.

Sergeant Valle's bravery led him to confront a dangerous felon in the middle of the night. Despite being at a tactical disadvantage, Sergeant Valle surmounted difficult odds to survive the gunfight and neutralize the suspect. Though critically wounded, Sergeant Valle remained professional and composed, ensuring the scene was properly secured and that he received the appropriate emergency medical aid.

## Viewing or Ordering 2024 Heroes Awards Portraits

Alexander's Fine Portrait Design will make a special gallery on their website featuring all of the photos from your portrait sitting. Please watch for more information about how you can view or order additional photos and the associated cost.

If you need to contact Alexander's Fine Portrait Design, the information to do so is below.

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DEPUTY

**Brian Williams**

Harris County Constable Pct. 5

On Monday, October 2, 2023, officers were dispatched to a female attempting to jump off the roof of a five story parking garage.

They arrived to find the female frantic and crying uncontrollably with two security guards pleading with her to get off the ledge. Harris County Constable Precinct 5 Deputy Brian Williams arrived on the scene as efforts were being made to calm her and gain her trust.

As the female was being distracted, Deputy Williams approached the female from behind and was able to quickly and tactically grab her around the waist, removing her from the ledge and securing her safety. Primary units arrived and transported the female to the appropriate care center for further evaluation and treatment.

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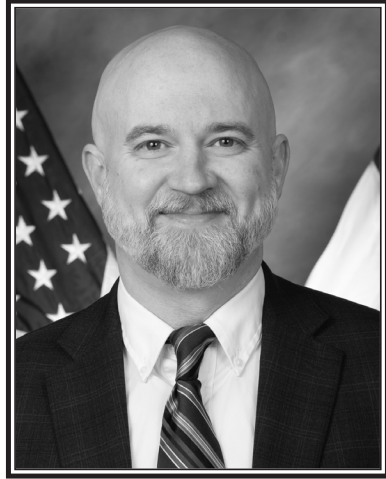
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SERGEANT

**Ross M. Watson**

Houston Police Department



SERGEANT

**Michael S. Burrow**

Houston Police Department

Sergeants Michael Burrow and Ross Watson are assigned to the Houston Police Department Homicide Division, Murder Squad Three and are experts in the field of criminal investigations; specifically, investigating capital murders, aggravated kidnappings, and solving cold homicide cases.

In 2023, Burrow and Watson were assigned 18 cases, and all have been cleared with 10 arrests for homicide and 2 aggravated kidnappings, and solved 6 cold homicide cases. Burrow and Watson's approach to solving cases is a mixture of extreme focus, tenacity, passion, resourcefulness, and the ability to work cooperatively with other agencies; demonstrating an unmatched work ethic.

Burrow and Watson have volunteered to take on investigating homicides that have been cold for over a decade and are successfully working them to completion.

They are shining examples to the officers they supervise, to their division, their department, and to the law enforcement profession. The Houston Police Department's Homicide Division has seen a 20% reduction in homicides for the year 2023, and the division has won the highest clearance rates in the country. Burrow and Watson's excellent work has contributed greatly towards these accomplishments.

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OFFICER OF THE YEAR

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OFFICER

**Adrian Thomas Rogers**

Houston Police Department

In June of 2023, Officer Rogers was on routine patrol in Houston and approached a woman who was seemingly running for her life. Officer Rogers discovered that she had just been shot by her boyfriend. Officer Rogers located the suspect at a gas station as the suspect pulled out a firearm. While additional officers on scene commanded the suspect to put the gun down, Officer Rogers and others were removing bystanders from the dangerous area. The suspect ultimately took his life at the scene. Officer Rogers's bravery not only helped the woman who was in fear for her life, he also protected the citizens who were inside the gas station from harm.

On August 2, 2023, Officer Rogers was on patrol when he heard several gunshots and found a pickup truck with several male suspects shooting at a male who was running away. When Officer Rogers activated his lights and sirens, the suspects fled the scene resulting in a chase. The suspect's vehicle then turned into a neighborhood and stopped in front of a house where Officer Rogers performed a high-risk felony stop and detained all of the suspects with the help of his backup. Two of the suspects were documented gang members and four firearms were recovered from the vehicle, including an AK-47.

The officers learned that the complainant of the shooting was not injured, and that the shooting was a retaliation hit that was ordered against the complainant. Due to the quick actions of Officer Rogers, no civilians were injured by the suspects.

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2024



OFFICER

**Flavio D. Perez**

Huntsville Police Department

On Thursday, March 23, 2023, Huntsville Police Officers responded to a report of a structure fire. Officers arrived on the scene of an apartment complex fully engulfed in flames. Officer Flavio Perez made his way to the front of the complex and heard cries coming from within an apartment. Without regard for his own safety, Officer Perez attempted to enter the apartment, but encountered some difficulty as a woman was lying on the floor obstructing the door. The woman was nearly overcome by smoke inhalation and was unable to stand on her own. Officer Perez, despite the heavy black smoke billowing from within, was able to enter the apartment and dragged the woman from the burning building. If not for the actions of Officer Perez, the woman would likely have perished.

Officer Perez has no firefighter training and did not carry equipment designed to protect from smoke, high heat, or flames. He knew this and chose not to wait for firefighters who are equipped with such protective gear. The actions he took were clearly life-saving and heroic.



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SERGEANT  
**Kyle Dockery**  
Huntsville Police Department



CORPORAL  
**John T. French**  
Huntsville Police Department

On Thursday, October 12, 2023, Sergeant Kyle Dockery and Corporal John French responded to a call from a large apartment complex in Huntsville. They were dispatched to reports of an armed subject in the parking lot. Upon their arrival, the subject had fled back inside his apartment.

Sergeant Dockery pushed the door open and both were immediately struck by gunfire. Both made entry and began returning fire. Ultimately, the suspect was struck and was killed at the scene. Once the threat was eliminated, Corporal French immediately began administering life saving measures to Sergeant Dockery, who had been shot multiple times.

Sergeant Dockery acted selflessly and placed himself in harm's way to protect his fellow officers and the Huntsville community. Corporal French stood right behind Dockery, placing less experienced officers behind him. When the shooting started, French pushed forward without hesitation to ensure that the threat was eliminated.

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OFFICER

**Madison Nielsen**

Panorama Village Police Department

On Friday, June 2, 2023, Panorama Village Police Department Officer Madison Nielsen, while on routine patrol, observed a non-dispatched call on her car computer showing that a 911 call had been received in regards to a two-year-old child that had been found unconscious and unresponsive in the community pool. The child was not breathing and had no pulse. Although this call was not in the City of Panorama Village, Officer Nielsen advised Montgomery County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) dispatch that she would be enroute to the call with priority response.

Upon arriving, Officer Nielsen immediately began life saving procedures (CPR), checking the child's condition and continuing to administer CPR to ensure that she was breathing. During lifesaving procedures, Officer Nielsen continued to advise and update MCSO dispatch of the child's condition and directions to their location. Officer Nielsen was able to detect a pulse and continued to work on her until she began breathing on her own. The child was then transported to Texas Children's Hospital by EMS. After approximately three weeks in the hospital, she fully recovered and is now at home, a second chance offered to her by the quick actions of Officer Nielsen.

Officer Nielsen's quick and decisive actions allowed the child a fighting chance to survive that horrific day, and displayed the professionalism and dedication of what being a law enforcement officer is all about.

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2024



OFFICER

**Harold B. Kincaid**

Spring Branch ISD Police Department

On November 30, 2023, Officer Kincaid successfully protected a nearby elementary school from an active shooter. The suspect, who had already shot and killed his father that morning, was found entering the school.

When the subject saw Officer Kincaid, he fled on foot and car-jacked a vehicle, which was stopped at a nearby intersection. Officer Kincaid pursued the suspect, who then proceeded to strike several vehicles, including a school bus, causing the front right tire of his stolen vehicle to deflate. He abandoned this vehicle and forced the driver of a second vehicle out at gunpoint.

The suspect initiated another pursuit with the second stolen vehicle, which ended when the suspect drove behind a nearby business and bailed out of the vehicle. The suspect turned and fired one time at Officer Kincaid, who returned fire, killing him.

Officer Kincaid took immediate action to stop an extremely dangerous and violent criminal. Based on his recent behavior and extensive criminal history, it is very likely many others would have been victimized by this violent person. Officer Kincaid's analysis of the situation, brave actions, and courageous response empowered him to confront a dangerous suspect and protected a community of our most vulnerable.

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2024



DEPUTY

**Brandon Crissmon-Stewart**

Harris County Constable Pct 1

On July 5, 2023, Deputy Crissmon-Stewart was traveling Northbound on the 7000 block of Antoine Drive when he observed a Hispanic male sitting on a bridge railing over White Oak Bayou. Deputy Crissmon-Stewart thought the man could be in distress, so he made a U-turn and circled back to the male. As Deputy Crissmon-Stewart came to a stop approximately 25 feet from him, he observed that he had a rope tied around his neck, affixed to the bridge railing. Deputy Crissmon-Stewart advised dispatch of his situation and exited his vehicle.

Deputy Crissmon-Stewart began an attempt to communicate with the man in a valiant effort to calm him down. Deputy Crissmon-Stewart very calmly and slowly began to move closer to the man every time he would look away.

Deputy Crissmon-Stewart was able to get close enough to the man to grab him, at which point the man attempted to jump. Deputy Crissmon-Stewart was able to hold on to him until a civilian was able to assist him in pulling the man over the rail to safety.

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OFFICER OF THE YEAR

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DEPUTY

**Austin Howard**

Harris County Sheriff's Office

On August 11, 2023, Deputy Howard was driving on a controlled access highway with his lights and siren activated while headed to a fatal crash scene. He noticed a vehicle driving at him on the wrong side of the roadway. He looked in his rear-view mirror and observed a group of vehicles that he had just passed. Fearing for their safety, he placed his patrol vehicle between the vehicles behind him and the intoxicated driver headed towards him.

At the last second, he slowed his vehicle and turned his steering wheel to the left to cause the intoxicated driver to strike the right front of his patrol vehicle. The violent impact caused Deputy Howard's vehicle to rotate 180 degrees. Deputy Howard took a few seconds to gather himself, then he ran to check on the drunk driver.

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DEPUTY

**Shaun O'Bannion**

Harris County Sheriff's Office

On August 16, 2023, a Harris County Sheriff's Office Deputy was shot in the line of duty. Deputy O'Bannion joined in the manhunt for the suspect.

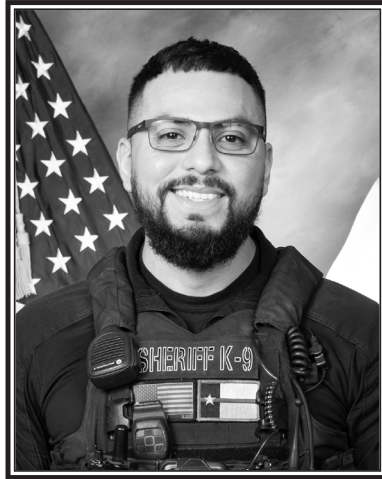
Deputies approached the residence and made contact with the occupants of the residence, ordering them outside. Several people exited the residence. An adult female made statements which led Deputy O'Bannion and others to believe someone was endangered and still inside the residence. Deputy O'Bannion and others entered the residence through the front door.

Upon entering, Task Force Officers took gunfire from the suspect, who was in an elevated position. Deputy O'Bannion was struck twice before exiting the residence. Deputy O'Bannion provided first aid to other Task Force Officers who had been hit by shrapnel from the gunfire. Deputy O'Bannion then took a perimeter position, keeping the suspect from escaping until being relieved and ordered to go to the hospital for treatment.

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OFFICER OF THE YEAR

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DEPUTY

**Jerry Pineda**

Harris County Sheriff's Office

On October 7, 2023, Deputy Jerry Pineda and K9 Storm responded to a shooting involving a Patrol District One Deputy, who had sustained a gunshot wound/laceration to the top of his head, and had returned fire on the suspect. The suspect managed to flee the scene on foot in an attempt to escape.

K9 Handler Deputy Pineda and his K9, Storm, tracked the suspect to a nearby backyard of a residence. Due to the severity and immediate danger of the situation, Deputy Pineda released K9 Storm from his leash and deployed him to enter the back yard. K9 Storm immediately located the suspect hiding underneath a trampoline. The suspect was holding a firearm and shot at least one round in K9 Storm and Deputy Pineda's direction. K9 Storm, undeterred, engaged the suspect and did not release his hold, all the while being struck on or about his face and head by the suspect with the pistol.

Deputy Pineda, without thought to his own safety, approached the armed suspect and took him into custody.



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SUPER COP

2024



OFFICER

**Bradford D Smith**

College Station Police Department

Officer Brad Smith began his career with the College Station Police Department in 1978 and is the longest tenured officer within the department.

Officer Smith has extensive family ties to the College Station area and has developed relationships that have led to a level of trust that others can only aspire to in policing. In fact, his method of policing could serve as a stand-out model of “community policing”.

Officer Smith has been a mentor to countless young people on his beat. He has the unique ability to connect with youth on the verge of entering the justice system, often being known to pull someone aside to have an extended chat about the error of their ways. His advice is respected because of the reputation he has built as a tough but fair police officer. He is a living example that the kids on his beat can achieve. His ties to the community also aid him with his investigations. On multiple occasions, Officer Smith has been able to use the trust he has built to apprehend wanted felons for the detective division and other agencies. He has been able to get his contacts to locate these fugitives and convince them to turn themselves in. His authenticity and ability to connect to others allows him to more easily gain confessions from suspects about their crimes.



Officer Smith works hard to create relationships with other stakeholders on his beat. He is in constant contact with the management of apartments within his area and is relied upon heavily by them. He also assists the staff of The Lincoln Center with their activities and concerns. He also works closely with the staff of the schools on his beat.

Officer Smith serves as a calming force during stressful calls and is seen as a role model by newer officers within the department. He has trained many officers throughout his career, both as a field training officer and as a mentor on the streets.

Officer Smith has twice been awarded the College Station Police Department's highest award, the Medal of Honor. One of those awards was for his actions in the Fidelity Street incident in 2012. This incident began as an ambush murder of a constable and evolved into an active shooter incident that resulted in the constable and another innocent bystander being killed. Several others were seriously injured. Officer Smith was one of the first responding officers and was pinned down under heavy gunfire for an extended amount of time. Under extreme stress, he was able to return fire and direct the response of other officers, all while showing a high level of concern for bystanders in the area. Unfortunately, Officer Smith has been involved in multiple similar instances. He has handled each incident with valor and professionalism.

Because of his vast experience, Officer Smith is a valuable resource for fellow officers that have been involved in traumatic events. He is regularly called upon to participate as a peer counselor for the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas class entitled "Post Critical Incident Seminar". He counsels other officers that attend PCIS so that they are able to develop coping strategies and emotional recovery after being involved in the horrible experiences that this job sometimes requires.

His vast experience, dedication to improving the quality of life for the residents of College Station, outstanding criminal enforcement, and willingness to assist other officers is unsurpassed. These ideals have been a consistent presence throughout his lengthy career. He has earned a distinguished reputation within the department, with outside agencies, and with the community that he protects. He has impacted countless officers throughout his career, leaving them better prepared to meet the challenges of this profession. The impact he has had will have a life long effect on his community.

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2024



MAJOR  
**Grover F. Huff**  
Texas Rangers Company A

Texas Ranger Major Grover Huff has distinguished himself as the finest example of what a Texas law enforcement officer should be in his over 41 years of service to the State of Texas. Major Huff served as a deputy sheriff and city police officer for seven years before joining the Texas Department of Public Safety in 1988. Major Huff served as a trooper starting in the Driver License Division before transferring to the Texas Highway Patrol Division. He was promoted to Highway Patrol Sergeant, where he supervised and mentored troopers. In 1997, Major Huff was appointed to the Texas Ranger Division.

During his 16 years as a "Field Ranger," Major Huff distinguished himself as a true expert in crime scene processing and techniques, traveling across the state processing major crime scenes, filing criminal cases, and teaching advanced criminal investigation courses to state, local, federal, and even foreign law enforcement officers. Major Huff became the "go-to Ranger" for anyone needing help with extremely difficult crime scenes. He became a subject matter expert on numerous topics, including bloodstain pattern analysis, DNA, crime scene photography, and crime scene reconstruction.

The logo features a grey shield with a white star in the center. Above the shield, the text "THE 100 CLUB, INC." is written in a serif font. Below the shield, the text "LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD" is written in a sans-serif font, with a horizontal line above it. Below the shield, the year "2024" is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font.

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
2024

Major Huff distinguished himself as a true “Ranger’s Ranger” before promoting through the ranks of Lieutenant, Captain, and Major / Company Commander. He often notes that the greatest accomplishment in his career has been the promotion and development of new rangers. Major Huff has been directly involved in the promotion of 15 Ranger Sergeants and has had direct involvement in the promotion of 16 Ranger Supervisors, Chiefs, Majors, Captains, and Lieutenants at some point in their careers. All of these give great credit for his leadership and his willingness to be a “hands-on” worker. As the Company Commander of Company “A,” Major Huff has been actively involved in investigations, providing guidance and support to ensure successful outcomes.

Major Huff is also attributed to the successful conviction of numerous violent offenders, providing justice to the victims of these heinous crimes. His work over the decades has sent these offenders to hundreds, if not thousands of years in Texas and Federal penitentiaries.

Huff has personally raised well over one hundred thousand dollars for various charities. These charities include The 100 Club (having Company “A” Rangers donate and become a “Lifetime Business Member”), The American Association of State Troopers (raising funds for state police officers in need across the nation), The Texas Rangers Association Foundation, and is one of the founding members of the “Old Farts Fish Fry and Firearms” event that gathers over 300 Texas DPS retirees across the state in Cleveland for annual training.

Major Huff truly personifies a police officer deserving of this prestigious award, not only for his exemplary work in putting away defendants for many years combined, but for his caring and signature, sometimes “gruff” manner, for the men and women he worked for and with over his 41 years in active duty.

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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 MISSION

To provide financial assistance to dependents of certified peace officers and firefighters who are killed or seriously injured in the line of duty and 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 \$5.8 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 \$14.5 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 27,748.

## TOTAL GIFTS

During our current fiscal year to date, as of April 30, 2024, The 100 Club expended more than \$203,880 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

**27,748  
members**

## **Current Membership**

Since 1953, we have grown from 100 members to an organization that is now 27,748 members strong.

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**\$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.

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**\$14.4  
million  
to date**

## **Life-Protecting Equipment Provided**

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

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**\$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 throughout all of The 100 Club Programs.

See our website for program details.

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THE 100 CLUB  
TODAY.



GIVE TO THE  
SURVIVORS  
FUND.



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### **\$5,000 DIAMOND LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

1 time payment of \$5,000 or four payments of \$1,250

- 2 Diamond Life Member decals
- 48qt YETI Diamond Life cooler
- 2 YETI Diamond Life tumblers
- 2 tickets to our Annual Heroes Banquet



### **\$10,000 PLATINUM LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

1 time payment of \$10,000 or four payments of \$2,500

- Custom Sig Sauer Pistol and Presentation Case  
(background check required)
- 4 Platinum Life Member decals
- 48qt YETI Platinum Life cooler
- 4 YETI Platinum Life tumblers
- 4 tickets to our Annual Heroes Banquet

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