



# THE 100 CLUB OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS

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### H-E-B Honors First Responders with Sept. 11 Donation

Heartfelt thanks to the H-E-B family for recognizing our organization with a \$7,000 contribution honoring First Responders on the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

Doreen Borel, H-E-B Area Community Coordinator, presented the check during Beaumont Fire and Rescue's annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony at Fire Station No. 1 in Beaumont.

"H-E-B is here today as part of its annual Helping Heroes companywide service project," Borel told the crowd gathered under a large pavilion. "This particular community project honors September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance that pays tribute to the men and women rescue team who risked and lost their lives at the World Trade Center."

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of Helping Heroes, H-E-B distributed a total of \$100,000 among 100 Club organizations across Texas.

Mayor Becky Ames made a suggestion to the crowd. "This is one way you can pay tribute," she said. "Join the 100 Club."

Beaumont Police Chief James Singleton said that we all know where we were that day. "I had been on SWAT team for 18 years (in Biloxi) and had thought I wanted a normal job training law enforcement officers," he said.

"What you guys do is not normal. Running into a burning building is not normal... I want to be associated with a group like this. You are here because you want to provide a better future."

Beaumont Fire Chief Anne Huff said she doesn't really know what normal is, but she does know her firefighters would willingly give their lives if that's what it took.

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Pat Parsons, CEO of Community Bank, presents a check pledging the first full survivor benefit given by a single business recently in Beaumont.

### Bank Pledges First Full Survivor Benefit

For the first time in the history of The 100 Club of Southeast Texas, a single business has pledged a full Survivors Benefit of \$50,000.

Pat Parsons, chairman and CEO of Community Bank of Texas, presented the symbolic check before a crowd of about a hundred men and women representing law enforcement, fire and rescue, and 100 Club board members, who gathered to show their appreciation at the bank's Delaware Street location in Beaumont.

Zack Shelton, Club president, and board members Warren Claybar, Beverly Hatcher, Clint Lewis, Edward Keller, Joe Penland, Jon Reaud, Marie Richard and Fred E. Williams accepted the check.

"It means the world to the 100 Club," Shelton said. "We are so happy to have a business like Community Bank to step up and we hope others will follow suit."

Parsons said the bank has always been a believer in the 100 Club's mission. "We're glad to be in a leadership position," he said. "Supporting the families of the men and women who put their lives on the line should be near and dear to the hearts of all members of the community."

Shelton said the Jefferson, Hardin and Orange County area that The 100 Club of Southeast Texas serves has fortunately had only seven line of duty losses of first responders since Paul Hulsey Jr.'s death in 1988.

"Every day there is a police officer or fireman that dies," he said. "But we could have a West, Texas, tomorrow." Shelton was referring to a tragedy in April of 2013 that news reports say claimed 15 lives and injured

as many as 300 at a fertilizer company in a small Texas town. First responders, who were battling a fire when the explosion occurred, were among the casualties.

Shelton explained that the 100 Club strives to visit with the family of a fallen first responder within 48 hours and meet the immediate needs of the spouse and dependent children with a benefit of up to \$50,000.

"It takes a great calling to give your life for your fellow man," he said, "and we feel it is our calling to honor the fallen and be there for the families they leave behind."

### An Invitation

*The 100 Club of Southeast Texas  
Cordially Invites You to Attend*

*Your Annual*

*Membership Meeting*

*Noon, Thursday*

*November 20, 2014*

*Hardin County Emergency Services District*

*14822 FM 421, Lumberton*

*(Coming from Beaumont, turn left on 421.*

*It's between US 69 and US 96)*

*The Lumberton Fire Department will serve up their special firehouse gumbo with all the sides. We will hear a report on the past year's activities and discuss plans for the coming year.*

*Please make reservations by calling Marie Richard at 893-5444.*

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# A Message From The President



No other charitable organization is so close to my heart as the 100 Club of Southeast Texas. During my career in law enforcement, I personally lost several friends who walked out of their front doors every day without thinking about the fact that they might not return home.

As a longtime board member, I have learned that the pledges of individual members, who renew each year with their \$100 contributions, or join as Life members for \$1,000, are the solid core and life blood of the Club.

But fundraising also is important. When the Club started, I was an FBI agent and offered to help raise money for Beaumont Officer Paul Hulsey Jr.'s family through a golf tournament. "The Hulsey" collected more than \$400,000 over a 20-year period. After hurricanes and other circumstances interfered for several years, we decided to look for fundraising alternatives.

We are thankful for area businesses that have unselfishly made contributions as corporate sponsors. These sponsorships, along with the Motorcop Rodeo, helped us reach the \$1 million mark for the first time in 2013, our 25th anniversary year.

With two catastrophic losses of multiple first responders in 2013 — the fertilizer company

explosion that killed 15, including a dozen first responders, in West, Texas, and the wildfire in an Arizona farming community that claimed 19 firefighters, we realized that even a million dollar fund could be depleted with a single such disaster.

That's why this board has pledged to work with the community so that we will be able to serve no matter what the obstacle. As board president, I want to thank each member of our team - a group of dedicated leaders who represent a cross-section of our community.

Special thanks also to Community Bank for setting an example we hope others will follow with their pledge of our first \$50,000 Survivor Benefit from a single business. We also extend our deep gratitude for the generous contributions this year from The Modern Group, Quality Mat Company, H-E-B, Universal Coin and Bullion, and Beaumont Firefighters Local 399. The Motorcop Rodeo is also grateful for donations from Cotton Cargo, Giglio Distributing and area restaurants including Burger King, Chick-Fil-A, Chili's, Floyd's, Rao's and Rockin' A Cafe.

Finally, I also want to personally invite you to join us for our Annual Meeting and luncheon Thursday, Nov. 20, hosted again this year by the Lumberton Fire Department. And please join us this Saturday at Ford Park for the Southeast Texas Motorcop Rodeo. It promises to be a fun and fascinating day.

- Zack Shelton

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"You must have the heart for it and also be a bit of an adrenaline junkie," she said. "It's all worth it. After 30 to 35 years, you can look back and think of all the people you've helped."

Beaumont Fire Captain Brad Pennison said as chaplain he gets to preach. "Almost 3,000 people representing 23 nations died that day," he said. "We call it Patriot Day (because of what we saw after the attack.) Not only did 414 first responders die that day, but since then more than 1,100 have been diagnosed with cancer because of exposure.

"Why do we take time to remember? ... Our president said for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting.... We remember what it was that made you feel like an American."

Pennison concluded with the tradition of "The Last Alarm," the sound of a bell that is a tribute to the firefighter's service.



**Board Members accept the H-E-B check at the Helping Heroes Luncheon on Sept. 11.**



**Choir director Jimmy Robertson directs the West Brook Choir in singing "Because of the Brave" at Fire Station No. 1.**



**Firefighters raise an American flag prior to their annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.**

# Let's Ride Again This Year

## 100 Club Sponsoring Southeast Texas Motorcop Rodeo

Members of the 100 Club are encouraged to bring family and friends to enjoy the festivities and competition for the third annual Southeast Texas Motorcop Rodeo Saturday, Nov. 15, in the parking lot at Ford Park in Beaumont. Members also have the option to make reservations for the Friday night Sponsors Dinner.

Admission is free for the Saturday portion of the three-day event, which begins with opening ceremonies and the impressive Grand Entry parade at 8 a.m. Competition will continue into the afternoon.

For the second consecutive year, the Beaumont Police Department is partnering with The 100 Club of Southeast Texas to present this area's Motorcop Rodeo, Nov. 13-15.

In their promotional literature, BPD praises The 100 Club and its mission. "When tragedy strikes one of our community's finest and bravest, the 100 Club is there," the article states. "We are honored to host an event that supports such a worthy cause." Proceeds from the event will benefit the local club.

"We want people to meet police officers through The 100 Club," Beaumont Officer Bobby Rector said.

In addition to the competition on Saturday, an exhibition in the parking lot will feature law enforcement, firefighter and other first responder special vehicles such as the SWAT Bearcat and a county helicopter and patrol boat. The young Police Explorers' group will be cooking up burgers and other fast food items for purchase.

The Elegante, host hotel, will be headquarters for officers who participate in the training and competition and for both the Sponsors' Dinner Friday night and the Awards Dinner Saturday. Officers also will be provided breakfast and lunch on Thursday and Friday and breakfast on Saturday by several area restaurants. Universal Coin and Bullion is sponsoring Steak Night on Thursday for the riders.

The 100 Club's Sponsors' Night for business sponsors, riders, law enforcement, and interested parties will be a sit-down plated dinner with door prizes, a disc jockey and an auction.

After the competition on Saturday, officers will celebrate at the Awards Banquet. Prize money totaling \$5,000 for the winning riders is courtesy of The Quality Mat Company. The top prize winner is named "Mr. Rodeo" and receives \$1,200. Other prizes range from \$300 to \$500 for individual event winners and members of the four-man team ride receive \$100 each.

Other sponsors assisting with donations include Cotton Cargo, Giglio Distributing, The Modern Group and food vendors, Burger King, Chick-Fil-A, Chili's, Floyd's, Rao's and Rockin' A Cafe.

Chris Cunningham of BPD's Traffic Unit is coordinator for the event. He said more than 30 riders are expected to compete from police departments around the state including Corpus Christi, Georgetown, Houston, Round Rock, and Travis County. The Dallas area is well represented with riders from Burleson, Coppell, Grand Prairie, McKinney and North Richland Hills. A few other departments are also possible contenders.

Reservations for the 100 Club Friday night Sponsors' Dinner are due by Wednesday, Nov. 12. Tickets for the dinner are \$30 a person. Please call Marie Richard at 893-5444 to reserve your seat.



The Grand Entry this year will showcase more riders than seen in this photo from the 2013 Motorcop Rodeo.

## Never Forget Ceremony is Emotional Event

The fourth annual 9/11 Never Forget and Ride to Remember sponsored by Cowboy Powersports, Cowboy Harley-Davidson and Indian Motorcycle of Beaumont honored area first responders and designated the 100 Club of Southeast Texas as beneficiary of proceeds.

Criminal District Judge John Stevens, guest speaker, recalled the words of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address as it applies to the events of Sept. 11, 2001: "We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

Beaumont Police Chief Jimmy Singletary gave an emotional reading of an anonymous poem about saying good-bye with the theme, "If I knew it would be the last time."

Mayor Becky Ames acted as emcee and introduced the speakers. In addition to Stevens and Singletary, the speakers included Zack Shelton, Chief Anne Huff and Inspector Clem Stinebrickner of the Beaumont Fire Department, Sheriff's Deputy Rod Carroll, Dr. Edison Colbert Jr. of Paradise Baptist Church and Father Sinclair Oubre.

The Southeast Texas Veterans Group presented the colors.



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# The 100 Club Needs You (Application for Membership)

New members and current members who send in their renewal dues will receive new membership decals for 2015 after Jan. 1.

As always, Life Members pay a one-time fee of \$1,000 and receive new decals upon request when they get a new vehicle or when their old decals are worn or damaged. Law enforcement and firefighter members receive a special rate. They may become Life Members for one payment of \$250 or join for one year for \$25.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Below is a copy of the application form with the information that the club needs.

Please fill out and return with your payment to the following address:

100 Club of Southeast Texas  
P.O. Box 3405  
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- Private Individual Annual Membership: \$100
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- Annual Law Enforcement/Firefighter: \$25
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- Corporate membership: Survivors Benefit \$50,000; Platinum \$25,000; Gold \$15,000; Silver \$10,000; Bronze \$5,000

## Firefighters Give Back

Beaumont Professional Firefighters Local 399 made a special donation of \$5,000 to the 100 Club this year even though they already have 100 percent of their members paid up with Life Memberships. "We try to donate back every year," said Galen Key, the union's president. "We like to support everyone who supports us."

A group of firefighters gathered at Beaumont Fire and Rescue Station No. 8 to present the check to Zack Shelton, board president, and Marie Richard, club membership chairperson.



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