

## **The Birth of The Hundred Club idea**

The idea of The Hundred Club was born in 1950 in Detroit, Michigan. Law officers and firefighters had been on full alert dealing with social unrest that led to numerous casualties.

In 1950, Detroit auto dealer Bill Packer found a way to assist a police widow. He wrote to 100 friends and associates, asking for \$100 each. They responded overwhelmingly, and as a result, the first of The Hundred Clubs was born. Today there are more than 500 members in that Detroit area club, and there are clubs like it all over the country.

## **Who are we in the Hundred Club?**

The St. Lucie County Hundred Club was formed in 1987 by a core group of concerned citizens consisting of Jim Russakis, then-Sheriff R. C. “Bobby” Knowles, Steven Barnett, Vernon Smith, Al Brown, and then-Fort Pierce Mayor William Dannahower.

These men decided to get started building up a meaningful capital fund to prepare for the future — when the fund might be needed.

By design, we are not a high-profile organization.

Our primary purpose is to assist the spouses and children of fallen first responders. Those who protect our society

deserve the recognition, not those of us pledged to support them and their families in time of need.

## **The Purpose of the Hundred Club**

The purpose of the St. Lucie County Hundred Club is to provide direct financial help for spouses and dependents of law enforcement officers, detention officers, and firefighters who have lost their lives or become disabled in the line of duty in St. Lucie County. We, of the St. Lucie County Hundred Club, simply want those brave public servants to know that they are not alone.

## **How we make sure our first responders are not alone**

In the event of a first responder’s sudden death, the Hundred Club contacts the family to see if there is an immediate need for funds. If so, a check is issued. This initial payment is to provide “right now” relief from tension, confusion, and panic regarding money matters.

At the appropriate time, those members of our standing committee who are responsible for financial assistance will review the financial needs of the family and meet with them. Then the committee makes the appropriate disbursement.

## **The Hundred Club wishes to honor our community’s heroes**

There is one more not-so-tangible purpose of the Hundred Club.

We say to our first responders, “You are not alone.”

It is getting lonelier out there by the day. In society today, the flagrant irresponsibility and rudeness, the disrespect for order and private property and the insane disregard for human life are bone-chilling and frightening.

Any observant person, looking at our world gone mad, feels alone. But our valiant emergency service officers, who are out there in the reality of the darkened doorway, who must at some point stand their ground, alone, and who are simply expected to be brave and to do their job, are also only human.

It is our hope that somehow our contribution will enable them to be a little more free of worry, and as a result, we hope a little more alert, a little faster of reflex, a little less distracted.

Though some in every society treat their fellow community members as if without value, we disagree. We are not ashamed to respect and honor those brave men and women who wear the badge.

[www.100clubslc.org](http://www.100clubslc.org)

**Membership is open to everyone.**

Please complete and mail this form to the address below or call 462-3205.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Types:**

- Lifetime .....\$2,000
- Lifetime Corporate .....\$5,000
- Corporate .....\$500
- Individual.....\$100
- Law Enforcement/Firefighter  
(active or retired) .....\$50

**Who is covered by the Hundred Club?**

- ◆ 19th Judicial State Attorney
- ◆ Federal Bureau of Investigation (St. Lucie County)
- ◆ Florida Department of Law Enforcement (St. Lucie County)
- ◆ Florida Highway Patrol (St. Lucie County)
- ◆ Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (St. Lucie County)
- ◆ Fort Pierce Police Department
- ◆ Internal Revenue Service (St. Lucie County)
- ◆ Port St. Lucie Police Department
- ◆ St. Lucie County Fire District
- ◆ St. Lucie County Sheriff’s Office
- ◆ St. Lucie Village Marshall
- ◆ U. S. Coast Guard (St. Lucie County)
- ◆ U. S. Customs (St. Lucie County)
- ◆ U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration (St. Lucie County)

In the realm of social order, community preservation and the improvement of the quality of our lives, we — all of us — are not alone. In order to remind our peace officers that we realize this, that we stand with them, though in a small way, in comparison with what they bring to the community, we choose to honor them.

Participation in the St. Lucie County Hundred Club enables each of us to honor our peace officers and to proudly say to each of them, “You are not alone.”

To our law enforcement officers, detention officers, and firefighters

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