



2015 Valor and Merit Awards Dinner "OUR PROUDEST MOMENT"



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

Heroes of Hunterdon

It seems every year when I write this message there are challenges somewhere in our Country for our first responders. This year there is unprecedented scrutiny of our police forces after several high profile incidents.

Our first responders are on the "tip of the spear" faced daily with making split second decisions which may have lasting effects on their and the public's lives. In the calm after these incidents it becomes very easy to judge the decisions that were made. Regrettably in some of these instances mistakes have been made and should be dealt with accordingly. As regrettable is the lack of publicity for the good these people do every day to protect us.

We are very fortunate in Hunterdon County to have a highly trained and professional team of first responders. Let us honor their service this evening and leave with a commitment to spread the word of the good they do.

> Sincerely, Art Hance President

THE 200 CLUB OF HUNTERDON COUNTY 200 Club of Hunterdon County, Inc. PO Box 132 Oldwick, NJ 08858 908-439-3054

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

An organization of concerned citizens pledged to assist the widows or widowers and children of the local Police, regular and volunteer Firemen, First Aiders, Sheriffs Dept Personnel of the County of Hunterdon and the New Jersey State Police, who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Name of Applicant
Home Address
City, State and Zip
Business Address
Business Phone Number
Home Phone Number
Fax Number
E-Mail Address
I would be willing to serve on the following committees as indicated: Membership Golf Hockey
I enclose my check for \$275.00, to cover the initial application fee, which includes the first years dues and I understand that the board of trustees must approve my application.
A member in good standing of the organization must propose applicant for membership.
Date Signature
To the best of my knowledge, the above named applicant is a responsible member of the community and will be an asset to the organization.
Proposed by

This is a Tax Deductible Charitable Contribution by IRS Regulations.

THIS FORM MAY BE REPRODUCED

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The 200 Club of Hunterdon County is a charitable, non-profit organization established in 1976 in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. The Club's Executive Board, Trustees, Honorary Trustees and members serve in a volunteer capacity and receive great satisfaction from helping to provide for the families of fallen heroes.

Each member receives identification from the 200 Club of Hunterdon County establishing his/her membership. The Club enjoys the full support and endorsement of police, fire and emergency service organizations in Hunterdon County and throughout the state.

How it Began -

Over four decades ago a Detroit businessman elicited generous responses when he asked 100 business friends to contribute \$200 each to the family of a young local police officer who was fatally wounded in the line of duty. This selfless act was the beginning of the 200 Club.

In 1976, Robert A. Stephenson, a member of the Somerset County Club, recommended to, Phillip Van Ness, William Benner, and Barrie T. McIntyre, who were all Rotarians at the time, to form the Hunterdon County Chapter of the 200 Club. The 200 Club of Hunterdon County provides financial assistance, scholarships and valor recognition to law enforcement, fire and emergency service personnel and their families.

Funding

The 200 Club of Hunterdon County receives its income from the dues and continuing annual support of its members. Initial dues are \$200.00 per member and continuing annual support per member is \$75.00. The 200 Club of Hunterdon County Board of Trustees, acting on recommendations of the Club's Action Committee, directs the appropriation of funds. Those eligible to receive assistance from the 200 Club of Hunterdon County are next of kin of any police officer, fire fighter (volunteer or paid), ambulance or first aid squad member who represents a Hunterdon County agency and is killed or severely injured while in the line of duty.

How you can join -

Anyone interested in supporting and furthering the aims and goals of the 200 Club of Hunterdon County is eligible for membership. All members must have the approval of the 200 Club of Hunterdon County Board of Trustees.

Administration

Policies of the 200 Club of Hunterdon County are established by the Club's Officers and Board of Trustees, who meet to transact business of the Club on a regular basis. Various committees of the Club meet frequently, as needed, and their policies are administered by the Club's staff.

THE 2015 VALOR & MERIT AWARDS

May 13, 2015

Presentation of Colors Readington Township Police Color

Guard

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Art Hance
Invocation Pastor Andrew J.J. Paton
Church of the Nazarene

Introduction of Guests Shaun C. Van Doren

DINNER

Special Presentations Art Hance

Valor and Merit Award Presentations

Benediction Pastor Andrew J.J. Paton
Church of the Nazarene

GOLF TOURNAMENT SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015

FOX HOLLOW GOLF CLUB BRANCHBURG, NJ

Visit www.200clubofhunterdon.org for registration form

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Maglio, Anthony

Manghisi, Joseph

A PRAYER

Oh Almighty God. Whose great power and eternal Wisdom embraces the universe. Watch over all our police officers, firefighters, Rescue Squad workers, state troopers and Protect them from harm *In the performance of their duty* To stop crime, robberies, Riots and violence. We pray, help them to your loving care Because their duty is dangerous. Grant them your unending strength and Courage in their daily assignments. Dear God, protect these brave men and women, Grant them your almighty protection, *Unite them safely with their families* After duty has ended. Amen

This prayer was adapted from a prayer card provided by Mrs. Peggy Mallen, widow of Detective Albert J. Mallen, Sr. who was fatally slain in August, 1985.



William D. Doyle

William D. Doyle, age 71, of Clinton Township, NJ, passed away peacefully surrounded in love by his family and friends on October 31, 2014, at his home in Lebanon, NJ, where he resided for thirty-three years.

Born in Somerville, NJ, on November 4, 1942, son of the late Richard and Winona Doyle, Bill had resided in Clinton Township since his marriage to Antje Doyle on September 12, 1981. Bill retired in 1991 from the New Jersey State Police as a Lieutenant after twenty-seven years of service. He was then Sergeant-at-Arms of the New Jersey Assembly for four years. In 1995 he was elected Sheriff of Hunterdon County where he served for twelve years.

Ernest W. Little

Ernest W. Little, age 88, of Buckhannon, WV died suddenly at his home January 31, 2015. He was born in Morristown, NJ, the son of Ernest W. and Christine Harding Little. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Holdridge Little with whom he had recently celebrated 65 years of marriage.

Mr. Little was a veteran of the US Army Air Corp, having served during WWII. He was the owner of Morris County Electronics in Dover, NJ for many years before becoming a police officer. He retired in 1991 after serving as the Chief of Police of the Tewksbury Township Police Department. After his retirement he moved to a farm in West Virginia which he and his wife lovingly restored. He enjoyed his life there and was blessed with many wonderful friends and neighbors.



Peter Bross Town of Clinton Public Works Department

On December 5, 2013, Town of Clinton Public Works Employee Peter Bross and Roads Foreman Wayne Smith were working together on Center Street performing annual leaf collection duties from that street and during the course of the morning Wayne began to feel numbness in his arm, extreme nausea and began sweating profusely.

Bross' professional training as a firefighter alerted him to Smith's serious situation causing him to react quickly and insist that Smith get immediate medical attention, without Smith's full cooperation due to Smith not realizing the seriousness of his own symptoms.

Bross contacted the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad, who awaited on standby while Bross drove Smith to their station, where he was immediately given aid and transported to Hunterdon Medical Center.

Without Bross' quick reaction and insistence that Smith get immediate medical attention, in all likelihood, Smith would have not survived this cardiac incident.



Detective Alex Hoofatt Township of Readington Police Department

Alex Hoofatt has been an officer with the Readington Township Police Department since 1995. For the past 15 years he has been assigned to the detective unit where he has quickly realized the need for intelligence gathering and sharing of information. Det. Hoofatt has collected one of the most extensive intelligence lists of criminal activity, not only in Hunterdon County but throughout the State of New Jersey. Because of his extensive intelligence gathering Det. Hoofatt was able to develop information that led to the identification and arrest of a homicide suspect in Bound Brook. In 2014 Det. Hoofatt was instrumental in the successful investigation and apprehension of more than 15 career criminals that were victimizing Hunterdon, Somerset, Warren and Morris county residents.

Det. Hoofatt is constantly called upon by law enforcement agencies throughout the State requesting information he may have on criminal suspects. A lot of these calls are made when Det. Hoofatt is off-duty however he has always made himself available whenever he was needed. The most telling attribute of Det. Hoofatt is his modesty. He started compiling this database because he saw a need and realized he could help solve crimes; he wasn't looking for accolades. He never cares about who is going to get "credit" for the arrest; he is just concerned that the criminal is arrested.

Det. Hoofatt's dedication and commitment is exemplified by the countless number of hours he put into these investigations, some of it on his own time. In addition to putting in an extraordinary amount of investigative hours working, Det. Hoofatt is also able to put in the required hours to keep his law degrees active as a practicing attorney for the State of New Jersey.



FLEMINGTON-RARITAN FIRST AID & RESCUE SQUAD Captain Gary Breuer, Lt Zak Harabedian, FF/EMT John Phelan, FF/EMT Dan Rice, Deputy Chief Tom Hoffman, FF/EMT Pete Serrone, FF/EMT Frank Emanuele, EMT Howard Buchanan

On April 30, 2014 at 2258 hours, Flemington-Raritan First Aid & Rescue Squad Marine Division was requested by emergency units in East Amwell Township to assist with a person trapped in a car in the river. The driver had been attempting to cross the flood-swollen Neshanic River when the vehicle was swept downstream several hundred yards from the roadway. Eight members of the water rescue unit of the Flemington-Raritan First Aid & Rescue Squad responded with two boats and three support apparatus.

Members assessed the situation and determined that the only access was via boat. The water was running at a rapid pace and had flooded the banks of the river. This made it extremely challenging since the boat had to travel outside of the natural banks of the river, and the crew could possibly encounter numerous underwater obstructions, including barbed wire fence and submerged trees. There was also the potential for the boat to capsize propelling the entire rescue crew into the treacherous, swiftly moving current. The underwater obstructions, the rapid flow of the water, the cold temperature and darkness made this an extremely hazardous rescue. Additionally, time was a critical factor because the elderly driver had been in the frigid water for more than 90 minutes.

Despite the overwhelming imminent dangers, the rescue crew still proceeded to make access to the victim. The boat crew consisting of Captain Gary Breuer, FF/EMT John Phelen, FF/EMT Dan Rice, and Lt. Zak Harabedian, launched the boat and proceeded to the partially submerged car and elderly hypothermic patient. Meanwhile, a second boat crew staged downstream in case the first boat crew encountered any problems and rescuers themselves needed to be rescued.

The boat crew made contact with the victim, who was becoming weak due to exposure to the elements and the time she had been in the water. Upon arrival at the car, one of the crew members made access to the car while another member made contact with the victim. It was necessary for the crew to access the car and stabilize it, so it did not move when the patient was removed. The weight change of the patient leaving the vehicle could cause the vehicle to move, so a rescuer was required to enter the vehicle. Once the patient was fitted with a personal flotation device, the rescuers proceeded to assist her into the boat. Both the speed and volume of water made it extremely dangerous and difficult to maintain control of the boat while the patient was being removed from the vehicle.

It was then necessary to retrieve the rescuer who perilously remained on the car so that the patient could be safely removed. As the rescuer left the car, there was the potential for the car to shift and move, which could have resulted in either not being able to retrieve the rescuer or the car damaging the boat causing all personnel to become caught in the swift current. Fortunately, through carefully calculated movements and expert boat maneuvering, the rescuer was able to be safely retrieved without incident. Once both the patient and the rescuer were removed from the vehicle and into the boat, the crew then had to fight the current upstream back to the launch area where EMS personnel waited the arrival of the patient. Upon arrival at the launch area, the patient was treated for hypothermia and exhaustion.

As a result of numerous hours of training and selflessness of the crew this extremely hazardous rescue was completed without further injury to the patient and without injury to the crew. The onshore support team assisted with the launching and retrieving of the boat as well as giving direction to the boat crew as to the location of the car and patient. Once the patient and all personnel were out of the water and harms way, the second boat crew was then removed from the water as well.



Sergeant John D. McGourty, New Jersey State Police Trooper Charles Orlando, New Jersey State Police Trooper George T. Ward, New Jersey State Police

On April 6, 2014 Trooper John McGourty, while on routine patrol, came upon a single motor vehicle accident involving a tractor-trailer at the intersection of State Highway 173 and Brunswike Pike in Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County. The tractor-trailer was overturned. Trooper McGourty spoke to a motorist that had stopped to render assistance. Trooper McGourty instructed the motorist to remain by their vehicle as he could not determine if there were any downed power lines as a result of the accident. Tropper McGourty then approached the cab portion of the tractor-trailer. Trooper McGourty identified himself as "State Police." He did not get a response from the driver of the tractor-trailer. Trooper Charles Orlando arrived on the scene at this time and assisted Trooper McGourty with attempting to located the driver. They locate the driver and began a conversation with him and attempted to remove him from the cab. Trooper Orlando smelled and saw smoke. Trooper McGourty asked the first fireman who had arrived on the scene at this point to get a fire extinguisher.

Trooper George Ward arrived at this point and brought a fire extinguisher from his Trooper car. They were able to knock down the fire and assist Troopers McGourty and Orlando with getting the driver out. The driver was issued several commands to assist with helping them, but due to his high level of intoxication and excessive weight, the driver repeatedly grabbed the center console preventing the Troopers from extricating him. Finally, the Troopers were able to remove the driver and got him to a safe location as the cab became fully engulfed in flames. The driver sustained lacerations to his face and torso, and burns to his legs. Pattenburg Fire Department eventually extinguished the fire. If not for the quick actions of Troopers McGourty, Orlando and Ward, it is likely that the truck driver would have perished in the fire.



Detective Sergeant Jay Hunter Town of Clinton Police Department

On June 27, 2014, Tewksbury Township Police were called to the area of William Street,in the village of Oldwick, to investigate an assault complaint. Upon further investigation, it was determined that an adult male assaulted his adult female neighbor. Tewksbury Police attempted to make contact with the adult male suspect, at which time this individual became unruly, directing threats to police and threats to harm himself. The individual refused to exit the residence to speak with Township police. Tewksbury Township Police requested the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) be activated.

SWAT members arrived on scene within 30 minutes of the initial request. Detective Sergeant Jay Hunter was one of the first two SWAT members to arrive on scene. Dsg. Hunter assessed the situation and immediately began gathering intelligence through Hunterdon County Communications and interviews of the victim. Dsg. Hunter is the Hunterdon County SWAT Team Operations Officer and a retired Gunnery Sergeant, combat veteran of the United State Marine Corps. Dsg. Hunter utilized his vast tactical knowledge and leadership skills to immediately develop a plan of action to safely resolve this tenuous situation. Dsg. Hunter began to negotiate with the despondent male, first through an open window and then utilizing a cell phone. Dsg. Hunter perservered through this very stressful situation, dealing with searing heat and increasing demands from the male subject. Ultimately, after nearly six hours, Dsg. Hunter was able to bring this crisis to a safe resolution. The suspect in this matter was transported to Hunterdon Medical Center for psychiatric evalution by the Whitehouse Rescue Squad, accompanied by Dsg. Hunter.

Dsg. Hunter's quick thinking, dedication to duty and willingness to accept any task, resulted in an individual suffering from a psychiatric episode to peacefully surrender to law enforcement. Dsg. Hunter displayed superior initiative and patience in the face of an extremely stressful situation. This action brings great credit upon Dsg. Hunter, the Town of Clinton Police Department and the Hunterdon County SWAT Team.

The Hunterdon County SWAT Team is an all-volunteer, multi-jurisdictional team, comprised of local and county law enforcement officers from Hunterdon and Morris counties.