



Supporting and Honoring the men and women who ensure our public safety

- Financial assistance for families of fallen officers
- Awards for courage beyond the line of duty
- Scholarships

What is the 200 Club?

An opportunity for community residents and businesses to express support and appreciation for the essential services provided every day and night by police, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and others who enforce our laws and protect our lives and property. The Club is organized as a 501-C-3 not-for-profit corporation and contributions are tax deductible under IRS regulations.

How do members show their support?

Every spring the Club hosts a Valor and Scholarship luncheon, often featuring a significant guest speaker, and always acknowledging the extraordinary valor of a few individuals who were nominated by their peers for the courage they displayed in dangerous situations. The men and women selected to receive Valor and Valiant Teamwork Awards are honored and given medals and ribbons. Adolescent children of eligible public safety officers who competed for scholarships are presented with their awards. When an officer has fallen in the line of duty in the previous year, the luncheon is dedicated to his or her memory. But – most important – when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, the Club presents an immediate, no-strings-attached check to the family to help them cope with critical expenses in their time of need.

How do members pay for that support?

Dues to the 200 Club are \$200 per year and members are asked to include with their dues an amount to cover the cost of one ticket to the annual luncheon. Members are also asked, but not required, to solicit sponsorships, scholarships and memberships to fund club donations and operations.

Membership Application

Name _____

Home Address _____

Business _____

Work Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ Call _____

Email _____

Drivers License _____ State _____

Proposed by: _____

Please pay now for one-year's dues of \$200 plus one ticket to annual luncheon at \$50.

Check Enclosed

Credit Card _____

Mail application to:

Maureen K. Hulings
Executive Director
23 Chapel Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07305
201 240-1050

200 Club of Hudson County
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Membership in the 200 Club of Hudson County is based on a calendar year and is conditional upon member's adherence to all bylaws and policies. It may be revoked by action of the Board of Trustees for improper actions.

How did the Club get started?

In 1950 a Midwestern businessman asked 100 of his friends and colleagues to contribute to the family of a young police officer fatally wounded while attempting to thwart a bank robbery. They not only helped the fallen officer's family but decided to form an organized group to show support for public safety officers. They called themselves the 200 Club and today there are chapters around the country, 13 of them in New Jersey. The 200 Club of Hudson County was formed in 1984 with 76 charter members.

How does the Club select Valor and Scholarship recipients?

Each year the Club president and volunteer Board of Directors appoints committees to solicit valor nominations and scholarship entries through chiefs of public safety departments and their labor representatives and then screen them carefully to identify the most worthy recipients. The number of awardees varies from year to year depending on the number of valorous incidents and the available funding for scholarships.

Who can become a member?

Anyone who supports public safety, has a safe driving record and no criminal history, and submits an application and dues payment.



Objectives of the 200 Club of Hudson County

The objectives of the Club are simple and straightforward:

- To support, honor, and assist professional and volunteer law enforcement, firefighting, and emergency transportation and response personnel to carry out their duties
- To acknowledge their achievement in the line of duty
- To provide recognition for heroism above and beyond the call of duty
- To ensure prompt financial assistance for the families of officers who lose their lives in the performance of their duties
- To offer educational assistance to the children of public safety officers to complete their education and to assist officers pursuing additional education in their fields
- To provide assistance in any other manner which enforces and supports the goals of 200 Club of Hudson County and improves the health and safety of Hudson County residents, businesses and visitors

Administration of the 200 Club of Hudson County

The bylaws and policies of the Club are established by the Club's officers and Trustees who meet to transact business on a regular basis. Various committees of the Club meet as needed to select award and scholarship recipients, as well as to consider and recommend other business and activities to be undertaken by the Club upon approval of the Board.

The Club maintains a website:
<http://www.200clubofhc.com>

All correspondence to the Club should be directed to Maureen K. Hullings, Executive Director
23 Chapel Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, 07305
Telephone 201 240-1050

Annual Valor Awards

At the start of each calendar year, the Club contacts police and fire chiefs, emergency transportation providers, other law enforcement and public safety agencies, as well as labor representatives of uniformed officers, to solicit nominations for Valor and Valiant Teamwork Awards. Nominations from the general public are accepted, as well.

Nominators must provide full information about the incident for which officers are nominated, including official reports and pertinent media coverage. The incident must have occurred during the previous calendar year and must have happened in Hudson County or involved an officer who is a Hudson County resident. A valor incident is one in which one or two officers risked their lives to prevent tragedy while a valiant teamwork incident is one in which three or more officers risked their lives to prevent harm to others.

A committee of the Club consisting of men and women experienced in public safety and health identifies officers to be honored. At a luncheon held each spring awardees are presented with medals, honor ribbons, and plaques. Names of valor awardees are also inscribed on a large bronze plaque inside the Hudson County Administration Building.

Club members acknowledge that every officer faces danger every time he or she reports for duty and that acts of courage are frequent. However, since not every officer can be honored, the Club chooses a few extraordinary events to highlight, not only as rewards for the officers involved in them, but also as reminders to the general public of the routine bravery that protects their lives and property.

Annual Scholarship Awards

Each year the Club Scholarship Committee solicits nominations from public safety chiefs and department directors and reviews entries from children of eligible law enforcement, firefighting, or emergency transportation providers.

Applicants for the scholarship program must have a parent actively serving in a branch of public safety in Hudson County and be graduating seniors. Students must be residents of Hudson County; must demonstrate financial need; must provide two current letters of recommendation and must have appropriate academic standards.

The number of scholarships provided each year depends on funding from contributing individuals and organizations.

