



100 Club of Arizona

History and Milestones

Our Story

The idea of the 100 Club began in Detroit, Michigan in 1952 after a local business man was moved to action when a police officer was killed in the line of duty. This businessman wrote to 100 of his friends encouraging them to donate to a fund for the fallen officer's family to get them through this emotionally and financially trying time. The response was 100 percent.

The Phoenix 100 Club was started in 1965, when several acquaintances with knowledge of the Detroit 100 Club got together following the death of a Phoenix police officer, and was officially incorporated in 1968 as the 100 Club of Arizona. One of the earliest members was Frank Haze Burch whose father was the first Phoenix police officer killed in the line of duty in 1924.

The charter mission of the Phoenix 100 Club was to come to the immediate financial aid of the family of an officer who gave his or her life in the line of duty. Over the years the mission of the 100 Club continually changed and expanded to include firefighters and county, state, and federal law enforcement officers across the entire state of Arizona and to provide several other benefits and programs to support public safety.

Our Milestones

- **1968**— 100 Club of Arizona is officially incorporated.
- **1994**— 100 Club begins offering financial assistance to firefighters and law enforcement officers seriously injured in the line of duty.
- **2002**— 100 Club further expands support to include all public safety officers and firefighters in the state of Arizona.
- **2004**— The Safety Enhancement Stipend (SES) program is launched and the 100 Club expands mission to include providing resources to prevent or minimize public safety tragedy.
- **2005**— The 100 Club begins offering financial assistance to the families of public safety officers and firefighters who are killed while off duty.
- **2005**— The Special Needs fund is established in order to assist public safety officers and firefighters who have needs that go beyond the 100 Club's other benefits.
- **2007**— The 100 Club Scholarship Program is launched to provide financial assistance to the immediate family members of public safety officers and firefighters in furthering their education.
- **2007**— The 100 Club raised its benefits to \$15,000 for a line of duty death, \$5,000 for non-line of duty death, and increased serious line of duty injury limit to \$18,000.
- **2008**—The 100 Club of Arizona passed the \$3 million dollar mark in benefits given to the men, women and families of public safety.