The East Texas 100 Club



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Law Enforcement in east Texas has fought hard to improve how we police. Unfortunately, we do not always get the support we need from community members or even our governing bodies. More law enforcement officers – 144 – died in the line of duty in the United States in 2018 than in 2017, reversing a one-year decline, according to a preliminary report released by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Texas was one of four states leading the number of officer deaths with 11 fallen officers.

Seeing a regional need in east Texas to provide support and financial assistance, a group of civic and business leaders have come together to create The East Texas 100 Club.

The East Texas 100 Club is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) community-based organization. The Club provides financial support to the spouse and dependents of law enforcement officers who are killed or catastrophically injured in the line of duty in 20 counties in East Texas. The Club also provides equipment and educational opportunities for law enforcement that cannot be secured through budgeted governmental funds.

The 20 East Texas Counties Covered

MARION
MORRIS
PANOLA
RAINS
RED RIVER
RUSK
SMITH
TITUS
UPSHUR
WOOD

There are other 100 Club's serving specific areas in Texas. East Texas has lacked such support. This is the only 100 Club supporting our East Texas 20-county region. The East Texas 100 Club is asking both community members and business owners to join our Club by paying an annual or life membership fee. This membership is our Clubs contract with our regional law enforcement so they know we have their back.



When you become a member you will receive recognition on our website and a 100 Club of East Texas window sticker to show your support.

Signing up for membership is easy by going to <u>www.easttexas100club.org</u>.

Today you have law enforcement from 20 counties, Federal Agencies, East Texas Police Chiefs Association, Texas Police Chiefs Association and Texas Sheriff's Association members here endorsing this organization. We ask that our community members, business managers and business owners support your law enforcement by becoming members of the East Texas 100 Club.

