



**The Hundred Club of DuPage County**  
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**Bolingbrook Police Officer Honored with 2019 Award of Valor**  
**from the Hundred Club of DuPage County**

**Bolingbrook, IL** – The Hundred Club of DuPage County will present Bolingbrook Police Officer Anthony Gomez dela Casa their 2019 Award of Valor during its Annual Meeting and Valor Awards Dinner on October 30, 2019 at the Lisle/Naperville Hilton. The dinner recognizes first responders for their acts of courage and heroism.

On December 22, 2018 at 0351 hours numerous BPD Officers responded to 15Q Fernwood Drive to assist BFD with a residential fire.

Officer Gomez was the first Officer on the scene and arrived before any BFD personnel. Upon his arrival Officer Gomez observed the residence emitting heavy smoke and recognized it as a highly dangerous situation. He began immediately evacuating occupants of the residence. Officer Gomez was able to evacuate a mother and three of her children from the area of the front door. He was then told there was one small child still in the residence in an upstairs bedroom. The upstairs of the home appeared to be the source of the fire and was filled with thick smoke. Officer Gomez did not see or hear any BFD personnel approaching. He obtained information from the family on the likely location of the child. At great risk to himself he chose to enter the home and climbed the stairway into the heavy smoke. He located the child on the floor, in great distress, picked him up and carried him outside and to the responding ambulance when it arrived.

If not for the actions of Officer Gomez this family may have had a very different outcome from this incident.

The 100 Club President, Lisa Savegnago, will present the Award of Valor to Police Officer Gomez during their 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Valor Award Dinner on October 30, 2019.

“An act of valor is defined as an action above and beyond the call of duty; and when a person exhibits exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness, and presence of mind as well as unusual swiftness of action, regardless of his or her personal safety, in an attempt to save or protect human life”, said Lisa Savegnago, President of the Hundred Club of DuPage County. “Police Officer Gomez’s actions are the definition of valor. His bravery and quick action are a testament to his devotion to duty, sacrifice of self, and service to his community. It’s with great honor that The Hundred Club of DuPage County bestows the 2019 Award of Valor to Police Officer Gomez.”

**About The Award of Valor**

The Hundred Club Award of Valor is a life-long honor of law enforcement officers and firefighters chosen by their peers for heroic actions above and beyond the normal expectations of their duties and their jobs.

### **About the Hundred Club of DuPage County**

The Hundred Club of DuPage County established in September 1982, is a private, non-profit charitable organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois. The Hundred Club of DuPage County offers assistance to families of law enforcement and firefighting personnel who have been killed, injured, or otherwise stricken while residing or working in the county. For more information about the Hundred Club of DuPage County, please visit [www.hundredclubofdupage.org](http://www.hundredclubofdupage.org). There you can purchase tickets for the Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation.