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Naperville Police Officer Honored with 2019 Award of Valor
from the Hundred Club of DuPage County

Naperville, IL – The Hundred Club of DuPage County will present Naperville Police Officer Jordan Koziel 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 January 24, 2019 Naperville Police Department responded to the 1200 block of West Ogden Avenue for a suspicious person attempting to get into a citizen (complainant's) car. The male subject was sweating and asking for drugs. He left the scene on foot walking eastbound. A responding officer was flagged down in the same block of a strip mall and alerted to that the same suspicious subject was in a local restaurant and armed with a handgun in his waistband. Shortly thereafter, the subject exited the strip mall and pointed a handgun to his head. The first responding officer alerted other responding officers that the subject had a gun.

As this was occurring Officer Koziel pulled into the parking lot and verbally engaged the suicidal subject from behind the cover of his squad. The subject was agitated and holding the gun to his head. Officer Koziel continued to speak and try to calm the subject down in effort to help a man in crisis. The subject alternated standing and kneeling all while keeping his gun pointed to his head. He then stood on his feet and moved forward and took up a shooting stance pointing his weapon at two other officers that were on the scene. Officer Koziel recognized this risk to the lives of his fellow officers and without hesitation discharged his firearm striking the subject.

The subject was taken into custody, provided medical attention, and transported to a hospital where he made a full recovery. He was criminally charged with felony counts of aggravated assault with a firearm against a police officer.

While this incident did end up with Officer Koziel needing to shoot the suspect, his negotiations with this individual to get him to surrender peacefully were remarkable. As high stress as this incident was, one would not have been able to tell based on how he spoke with the subject. Officer Koziel did everything he could to have this incident end peacefully. He was able to move from social worker, to warrior, to caretaker all in the matter of seconds.

“It is with great honor to grant the 2019 Award of Valor to Officer Koziel” said Savegnago. “He put his life on the line, with courage, to save and protect the life of another. His bravery, leadership and devotion to his duty and community is unmatched. He is a true hero.”

About The Award of Valor

The 100 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 100 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. There you can purchase tickets for the Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation.