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**Oak Brook Police Officers Honored with 2019 Award of Valor
from the Hundred Club of DuPage County**

Oak Brook, IL – The Hundred Club of DuPage County will present Oak Brook Police Sergeant Danny Ramirez, and Officers George Peterson, Timothy Walsh, Nicholas Baca, and Jeffrey Marek 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 October 5, 2019 at approximately 0351 HRS, members of the Oak Brook Police Department were called to a traffic crash on the I-88 ramp from Illinois Route 83. They arrived on the scene to find a vehicle overturned on its roof, completely engulfed in flames. A female driver was trapped in the vehicle.

The five responding officers acted immediately. Officers George Peterson and Timothy Walsh used fire extinguishers to suppress the flames. This was happening while Officer Nicholas Baca struck the side window with an impact weapon to gain entry into the vehicle. Sergeant Danny Ramirez and Officer Jeffrey Marek extricated the woman to safety.

The actions of these officers demonstrated a fervent call of duty and high level of teamwork that culminated in a successful rescue of the motorist. They did this without regard for their safety to save the life of another. The responding Fire Department Battalion Chief stated if it weren't for the quick actions of these officers the woman would not have survived.

“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. The five responding officers of Oak Brook Police Department actions mimic the definition of valor. . It's with great honor that The Hundred Club of DuPage County bestows the 2019 Award of Valor to these Officers.”

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