

# 100 Club of Southeast Texas

Coastal Welding Supply honors fallen officers with donation

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Coastal Welding Supply honored fallen law enforcement officers Deputy Sheriff Darren H. Goforth of the Harris County Sheriff's Office and Senior Trooper Steven Vincent of the Louisiana State Police on Wednesday, Sept. 9, by presenting a \$5,000 Lifetime Membership donation to the 100 Club of Southeast Texas, a 501(c)3 charity organization that pays financial death benefits to spouses and/or surviving dependent children of fallen first responders.

According to the Officer Down Memorial Page, Deputy Sheriff Darren Goforth was shot and killed Friday, Aug. 28, from ambush while pumping gas into his patrol car at a commercial gas station at the intersection of West and Telge Roads, in Cypress. As Deputy Goforth stood next to his patrol car filling it with fuel, a male subject identified by the Harris County Sheriff's Office as Shannon J. Miles walked up behind him and fired multiple shots. After Deputy Goforth fell to the ground, Miles shot him several more times before fleeing the scene in a pickup truck. Miles was apprehended the next day following a massive manhunt involving multiple law



Cindy Yohe Lindsay, Marie Richard, Warren Claybar, Tom Johnson, Beaumont Police Chief Jimmy Singletary, Beaumont Mayor Becky Ames, Beaumont Fire Chief Anne Huff, Barbara Mazoch Nelson, Chuck Mazoch, Zack Shelton and Karl Duerr

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enforcement agencies from around the Harris County and Houston area. He is facing capital murder charges. Deputy Goforth had served with the Harris County Sheriff's Office for 10 years.

Senior Trooper Steven Vincent was shot and killed Monday, Aug. 24, while checking on a vehicle that was being operated by a suspected intoxicated driver who police have identified as Kevin Daigle near the intersection of Highway 14 and Fruge Road, near Bell City, Louisiana, according to the Officer Down Memorial Page and a report from CNN.com. The vehicle in ques-

tion had driven off the road and was stuck in a ditch. Trooper Vincent approached the vehicle and began speaking with the occupant and then ordered him to exit the vehicle. The male exited the vehicle with a sawed-off shotgun in his hand and opened fire, striking Trooper Vincent in the head. The man then taunted Trooper Vincent as he lay on the ground mortally wounded. A passing motorist witnessed the incident, stopped his vehi-



Goforth

cle and tackled the subject. He then wrestled the shotgun away from the man while additional civilians who stopped to assist, utilized Trooper Vincent's handcuffs to cuff and take the subject into custody. They then called for assistance and rendered aid to Trooper Vincent. Vincent was taken to Lake Charles Hospital where he died the next day from his wounds. Daigle is being charged with first-degree murder in Vincent's slaying, according to CNN. Vincent had



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served with the Louisiana State Police for 13 years and had previously served with the Lake Charles Police Department for 11 years.

"The recent and tragic loss of Deputy Sheriff Darren H. Goforth of the Harris County, Texas Sheriff's Office and Senior Trooper Steven Vincent of the Louisiana State Police closely brings home the importance of giving back to those who have given their lives in service to each one of us," said Coastal Welding Supply president J.C. "Chuck" Mazoch. "Supporting their families, financially and with our prayers, is something I encourage others to do in our communities — giving back to those who gave their all."



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Members of the 100 Club of Southeast Texas, along with Beaumont Mayor Becky Ames, Beaumont Fire and Rescue Chief Anne Huff and Beaumont Police Chief Jimmy Singletary, attended to show their respects to the fallen officers and acknowledge the donation at Coastal Welding Supply's corporate headquarters at 2155 I-10 E. in Beaumont.

"This is the toughest time in the history of law enforcement," said Chief Singletary. "But, we've had so much support here locally from our City



J.C. "Chuck" Mazoch

Council, our mayor, and our citizens. And the 100 Club has been such a valuable part of that. For (Coastal Welding) to do what y'all are doing today, it means so much."

100 Club of Southeast Texas president Zack Shelton was extremely grateful for Coastal's donation.

"You don't know how much the 100 Club appreciates what y'all have done today," Shelton said. "Members of the club were at both Trooper Vincent's and Deputy Sheriff Goforth's (memorial services). ... (Police officers) are God-sent. They are guardians ... and we as a community need to be there for them. And by doing this, you are."

Law enforcement officers not only protect a community's citizens, but are also important in attracting new busi-



BPD's Chief Singletary speaks about the importance of police to the community.

nesses to the area, added Mazoch.

"This community is strong, and when you're community is strong, you can bring in new business, you can attract new people to your area," Mazoch said. "When they move into your area, they can feel safe and know that they are being taken care of. It's very, very important."

Coastal Welding Supply Inc., was founded in 1963 by Al Mazoch and has evolved from a single location in Beaumont into a full service Gulf Coast industrial and specialty gas provider with focus on the petrochemical and metal fabrication industry. Coastal Welding is a second-generation company and has six distribution locations to respond to industrial and specialty gas supply needs.

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