

Five years ago, I gathered with a group of people that answered a challenge from Sherriff Alford, to form a 100 Club that would help out when the family of first responder faced their worst nightmare, a tragic event that hurt or took the life of their loved one. Father, mother, husband, wife, son or daughter.

I found this need to be a real one, as we have had to witness these events firsthand the last four years. The closer you get to these events, the more you are motivated to do the club's work.

It seems in these days and times, we as a people have adopted a mindset, that when bad things happen, somebody else will take care of it, be the government, the church, whoever, a reactive mindset.

The staff at my company knows I hate this mindset. They know that we are far more likely to be successful when we are proactive planners as opposed to reactive scramblers.

I'm very proud to a proactive member of The Chisholm Trail 100 Club. I'm even more proud to have served as your president for the past two years and to have been a part of all that we have accomplished together.

Along the way, I have made a host of new friends. These friends are the kind of people you want by your side when things get tough. They are the kind of people that care more about others than themselves. They are so generous with that one asset none of us can replace, TIME.

I'll always be thankful that I was blessed with these friends and what we accomplished together.

Thanks friends for supporting me and my ideas,

And thank you Club members for standing with me in the gap for our first responders when they need us most.

Bruce Basden