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Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson present Joe Ahern with the Richard J. Daley Police Medal of Honor.

## Joe Ahern Is Awarded Chicago Police's Top Honor

ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, Joseph J. Ahern, CEO of the 100 Club of Chicago and Barrington resident, was awarded the Richard J. Daley Police Medal of Honor by the Chicago Police Department, its highest honor given to a citizen.

An award presented annually by the Superintendent of Police in memory of Mayor Richard J. Daley's outstanding service and dedication to the residents of Chicago, this award is conferred upon exempt members, state, county, or municipal officials, or residents whose accomplishments or services have brought credit to the City of Chicago and/or the Chicago Police Department.

Born in Philadelphia and the proud grandson of a police officer, Joseph J. Ahern is a well-known Chicago executive. Joining the 100 Club of Chicago as CEO in 2010, Ahern has shown true dedication to first responders and the families of fallen heroes.

Through connections with business and civic leaders made during his long career in media, Ahern has significantly increased awareness of the 100 Club. His fundraising efforts have ensured that the Club will be able to assist families for years to come. Along with the 100 Club, Ahern personally responds within 24 hours to provide support to the families of the fallen.

Since its inception in 1966, the 100 Club has provided more than \$11 million to 273 families of first responders who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Currently, there are 30 dependents receiving educational assistance from the program and there are an additional 81 children who will be eligible for assistance as they reach college age.

Under Ahern's leadership, the 100 Club has expanded from serving solely Cook County to now also providing for more than 45,000 first responders in Lake and McHenry Counties.

Although his current position at the 100 Club has proven to be his most rewarding thus far,

Ahern has a wealth of experience and dedication to other civic and charitable causes.

### THE 100 CLUB OF CHICAGO

Founded in 1966, the 100 Club of Chicago is an Illinois not-for-profit (501)(c)(3) charitable organization that provides for the families of first responders who have lost their lives in the line-of-duty. The Club helps families ease the financial burden associated with the tragic event, including immediate financial assistance and the ongoing cost of higher education. All sworn federal, state, county, and local first responders stationed in Cook, Lake, and McHenry Counties are included. To donate, join as a member, or learn more about the 100 Club of Chicago, visit [www.100clubchicago.org](http://www.100clubchicago.org).

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