

NOMINATION # 03-22
(To Be Completed By The 100 Club Staff)

100 Club NOMINATION

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Officer Of The Year () Rookie Of The Year () Lifetime Achievement (X)
(MARK ONE)

NOMINEE: Klausner Carv Sergeant Yes (X) No ()
(Last Name) (First Name) (Rank) (Can Take Picture)

Nominee's supervisor: S. K. Boyce Work Phone #713-247-8212

ATTACH OR WRITE A DESCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENT SURROUNDING
THE NOMINATION

NOMINATION FOR "LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD".
EVER SINCE SERGEANT C. J. KLAUSNER WAS A LITTLE BOY HE TOLD HIS PARENTS THAT HE WANTED TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER AND RIDE IN A POLICE CAR ON THE FREEWAYS AND WRITE TICKETS. MY NOMINATING LETTER REVEALS THAT SERGEANT KLAUSNER FOLLOWED HIS CHILDHOOD DREAM AND HIS SUCCESSFUL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HAVE SAVED MANY LIVES AND PREVENTED UNTOLD NUMBERS OF VEHICLE CRASHES. THROUGHOUT SERGEANT KLAUSNER'S 22-YEAR POLICE CAREER, TRAFFIC SAFETY HAS AND CONTINUES TO BE A DRIVING FORCE. AS SOON AS SERGEANT KLAUSNER COMPLETED HIS FIELD TRAINING

PROGRAM AFTER SUCCESSFULLY GRADUATING FROM THE POLICE ACADEMY, HE IMMEDIATELY ENROLLED IN A RADAR ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL, RECEIVED HIS CERTIFICATION, AND BEGAN ENFORCING TRAFFIC LAWS ON THE FREEWAYS OF HOUSTON. CONSEQUENTLY, EVEN YEARS LATER AFTER HIS PROMOTION TO SERGEANT, SERGEANT KLAUSNER BECAME THE HIGHEST TICKET WRITING SUPERVISOR IN THE HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT. IN 1992, SEREGANT KLAUSNER TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC/ACCIDENT DIVISION IN ORDERTO FURTHER HIS DESIRE FOR FULL TIME TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT. WHILE ASSIGNED TO THE TRAFFIC/ACCIDENT DIVISION, SERGEANT KLAUSNER WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISING THE INVESTIGATIONS OF POLICE CAR ACCIDENTS, TRAFFIC FATALITIES, AND CITIZEN CRASHES. SERGEANT KLAUSNER SPOKE ABOUT TRAFFIC SAFETY AT VARIOUS PUBLIC FORUMS. IN 1998, SERGEANT KLAUSNER DEVELOPED A PLAN OF ACTION THAT SOUGHT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PREVENTABLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS THAT INVOLVED SPEEDING VEHICLES. SERGEANT KLAUSNER'S APPROVED PLAN ALLOWED HIM TO SELECT OFFICERS FOR A NINETY-DAY ROTATION INTO A PRO-ACTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SQUAD THAT INSTILLED A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY TOWARDS DRIVERS THAT EXCEEDED POSTED SPEED LIMITS, RAN RED LIGHTS AND STOP SIGNS, AND PASSING A LOADING OR UNLOADING SCHOOL BUS. SERGEANT KLAUSNER DUBBED THE UNIT THE S.P.E.E.D. SQUAD (*SPECIAL POLICING TO ELIMINATE ERRANT DRIVERS*). THE S.P.E.E.D.

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SQUAD DID JUST WHAT SERGEANT KLAUSNER PREDICTED: SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS AND FATAL CRASHES. THE S.P.E.E.D. SQUAD WAS SO EFFECTIVE THAT HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF POLICE ISSUED THE S.P.E.E.D. SQUAD A "CHIEF OF POLICE" UNIT CITATION AWARD. IN 2003, BASED ON SERGEANT KLAUSNER'S SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE, THE CHIEF OF POLICE CREATED AN ENTIRE DIVISION - THE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT DIVISION - TO POLICE WITH THE SAME GOALS AS THE SPEED SQUAD. THE DANGERS OF 18-WHEELER COMMERCIAL TRUCKS BECAME A PRIORITY ISSUE IN HOUSTON DUE TO THE HORRENDOUS FATALITY ACCIDENTS INVOLVING THESE LARGE COMMERCIAL TRUCKS. IN 1999, SERGEANT C. J. KLAUSNER WAS SELECTED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO CREATE A UNIT TO CONDUCT TRUCK SAFETY INSPECTIONS ON 18-WHEELER COMMERCIAL TRUCKS. SERGEANT KLAUSNER RECRUITED 40 POLICE OFFICERS WHO DISPLAYED AN APTITUDE FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY INVOLVING LARGE COMMERCIAL TRUCKS. SERGEANT KLAUSNER COORDINATED WITH BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO HAVE THESE OFFICERS ATTEND MANADATORY TRAINING IN ORDER TO RECEIVE STATE AND FEDERAL LICENSING THAT ALLOWED FOR PRO-ACTIVE TRUCK SAFETY INSPECTIONS. SERGEANT KLAUSNER COORDINATED WITH THE CITY OF HOUSTON MUNICIPAL COURT SYSTEM IN CREATING NEW CITATION FORMS THAT ADDRESSED THE FEDERAL VIOLATIONS THAT WERE FOUND ON THE COMMERCIAL TRUCKS DURING THESE TRUCK SAFETY

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INSPECTIONS. SERGEANT KLAUSNER COORDINATED WITH MANY OF THE HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S DIVISIONS IN ORDER TO GET THE TRUCK ENFORCEMENT UNIT OPERATIONAL. DIVISIONS SUCH AS COMMUNICATIONS, COMPUTER SERVICES, UNIFORM SUPPLY, AND FLEET MAINTENANCE, TO LIST A FEW, WERE SOLICITED FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE. THROUGH HIS INITIATIVES, SERGEANT KLAUSNER WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT, UNIFORMS, AND NEW PICK-UP TRUCKS FOR THE TRUCK ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THEIR PERFORMANCE OF TRUCK SAFETY INSPECTION. IN 2002 AND 2003, SERGEANT KLAUSNER REPRESENTED THE HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT BY SPEAKING BEFORE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS IN WASHINGTON D.C., AND THE TEXAS SENATE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, TO DISCUSS TRUCKING LEGISLATION. SERGEANT KLAUSNER HAS BECOME THE DEPARTMENT'S EXPERT CONCERNING TRUCKING LEGISLATION. WHEN THE TEXAS STATE LEGISLATURES IS IN SESSION, THE HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS SERGEANT KLAUSNER EVALUATE PROPOSED TRUCKING LEGISLATION AND HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS TO DETERMINE IF THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD SUPPORT SUCH LEGISLATION. ON THE AVERAGE, SERGEANT KLAUSNER ATTENDS APPROXIMATELY FIFTY CIVIC CLUB ASSOCIATION AND TRUCKING INDUSTRY SAFETY MEETINGS EACH YEAR AFTER HIS NORMAL WORKING HOURS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S TRUCK ENFORCEMENT UNIT. NEWS MEDIA OUTLETS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND COUNTRY ROUTINELY CONTACTS SERGEANT KLAUSNER FOR OPINIONS AND EVALUATION OF

TRUCKING LEGISLATION, PROGRAMS, AND CONCEPTS. AN ARTICLE IN THE HOUSTON PRESS PRAISED THE CITY AND POLICE DEPARTMENT BY STATING THAT THE CREATION OF THE TRUCK ENFORCEMENT UNIT WAS TAX MONEY WELL SPENT! SERGEANT KLAUSNER WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING TO CREATE THE RESTRICTED LEFT LANE PROGRAM IN HOUSTON WHEREBY LARGE COMMERCIAL TRUCKS ARE PROHIBITED FROM DRIVING IN THE LEFT LANE OF TRAFFIC ON HOUSTON FREEWAYS. THROUGH SERGEANT KLAUSNER'S HARD WORK, THE HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO BE PORTRAYED POSITIVELY THROUGH ALL MEDIA OUTLETS, COMMUNITY ASOCIATIONS, AND THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY. IN 2000, SERGEANT KLAUSNER'S LEADERSHIP AND GUIDENCE ASSISTED IN ACQUIRING THE FIRST OF ITS KIND STATE OF TEXAS COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT (S.T.E.P.) GRANT. THIS COMMERCIAL VEHICLE S.T.E.P. GRANT ALLOWS FOR ADDITIONAL TRUCK SAFETY ENFORCEMENT TOWARDS HAZARDOUS DRIVING BEHAVIOR (SPEEDING, FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE, DANGEROUS LANE CHANGE, NO SIGNAL ON LANE CHANGE, AND DRIVING IN PROHIBITED TRUCK LANES) ON COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVERS. THIS COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TRUCK ENFORCEMENT S.T.E.P. GRANT WAS VALUED AT OVER \$300,000. AT NO COST TO THE CITY OF HOUSTON, ADDITIONAL TRUCK ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE ON THE ROADWAYS ENSURING THAT SAFE TRUCKS ARE BEING DRIVEN SAFELY. THE TRUCK ENFORCEMENT UNIT WAS RECOGNIZED BY CITY LEADERS OF HOUSTON AND RECEIVED A "MAYORS PROCLAMATION AWARD".

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SERGEANT KLAUSNER HAS BEEN PERSONALLY RECOGNIZED FOR HIS CAREER EFFECTS BY RECEIVING THE FOLLOWING AWARDS: HOUSTON CHRONICLE OFFICER OF THE MONTH, HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR, TOP COP NOMINATION IN WASHINGTON D.C., NATIONAL ENDOWMENT AWARD IN ATLANTA GA, AND A PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM GOVERNOR RICK PERRY. IT IS WITHOUT A DOUBT THAT SERGEANT KLAUSNER IS WORTHY OF THIS PRESIGIOUS 100 CLUB AWARD FOR "LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD" AS HE HAS PERFORMED MAGNAMOUSLY DURING HIS 20-YEAR CAREER.

Nominator's Signature [Signature] Date 9/15/03
Agency Head Signature JL Breshaw Date 12/8/03