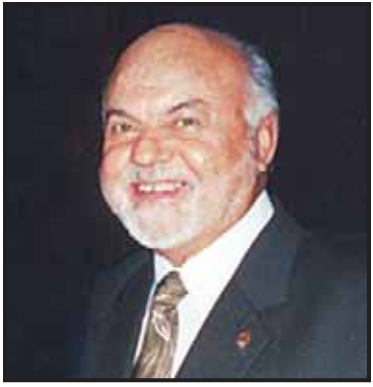


One of our own...

Aquil Basheer

"A Force of One"



by Jim Perry
Editor

A "hero" can be described as an individual admired for their achievements and noble qualities, an object of extreme admiration and devotion, one that shows great courage, a legendary figure endowed with great strength and/or ability.

Many people place firefighters in this category...champions who far too often go beyond their bounds and put themselves in jeopardy to save the lives of others. This is an unspoken and expected part of the firefighter's creed.

Brother Aquil Basheer, a longtime member of United Firefighters of Los Angeles City, Local 112, is one of those individuals who excel's in much more than just being a devoted and professional firefighter. His lifesaving skills go beyond the dangers of his chosen career of firefighting and rescue. He has saved hundreds, if not thousands of lives for over three and a half decades.

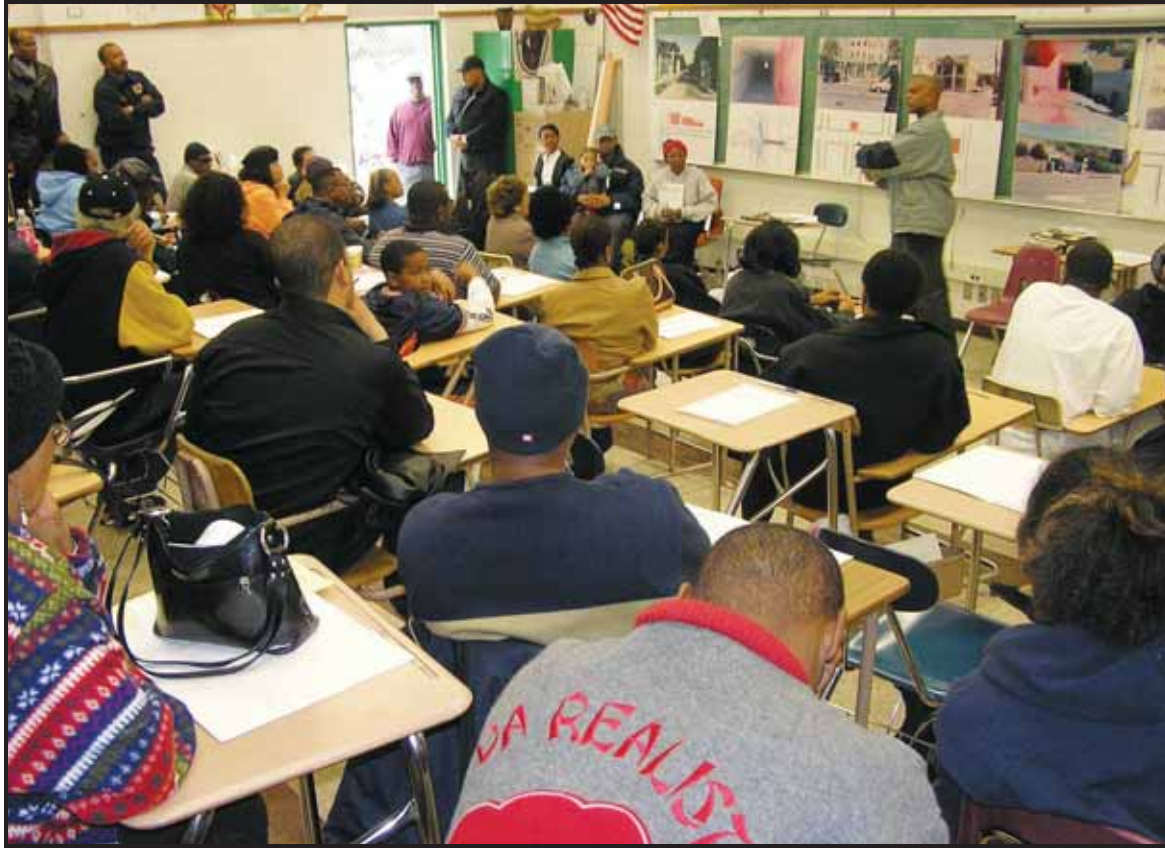
Basheer has been described as "One of the nation's foremost public safety, crisis survival, threat elimination professionals." He is an internationally recognized, certified, award-winning violence deterrence specialist, hostility intervention expert and street survival "extraordinaire".

Rated as one of the "top ten" elite training instructors in vulnerability intervention, violence survival, and personal protection instruction in society today, Basheer is the founder of *Maximum Force Enterprises* (a nationally distinguished Violence Prevention/Intervention consulting and training firm), and the *Crisis Survival*

Training Institute. He is currently instructing elite educational seminars, commercial enterprises, private enforcement teams and numerous emergency responder units. Furthermore, his company, *Maximum Force Enterprises*, has been recognized as one of the top academic instructional institutions currently in operation today. His companies train governmental organizations, elite instructional institutions



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and community based organizations all over the country.

Mr. Basheer is a World-Renowned, retired eight-time World Champion and 10th Degree "Grandmaster". He is creator of the "Association of Tactical Street Fighters" which has been recognized as one of the most influential, comprehensive martial arts training centers currently in operation today. In addition, he is a specialized improvised weapons expert and founder of one of most prominent fighting system entitled *C.O.M.B.A.T.* (Comprehensive Offensive Maneuvering Before Aggressive Tactics) which has trained thousands in the art of elite street survival fighting. He has been teaching the art of threat

evaluation and crisis eradication for over 35 years and has trained numerous prevention teams and privileged authorities who are currently operating today.

If all that isn't enough, Basheer is an educational behavior consultant and youth developmental expert. He is the current C.E.O. of the nationally known, accredited, 501(c)3 co-ed *B.U.I.L.D.* (Brotherhood Unified for Independent Leadership through Discipline) *Youth Empowerment Academy*. He has also created *F.I.R.M.* (Father's Involved in Refining Males), a comprehensive Manhood Intensification Program. He works monthly with over 500 hundred high risk and non-high risk adolescents developing in them, self-responsibility, discipline, self-esteem, commitment and the vision to succeed.

Aquil Basheer has developed one of the most effective,

award winning, child kidnaping/abduction seminars in the nation called "*SAFE ESCAPE*" which has been taught to hundreds of young adults, parents, youth educators and a host of individuals working in the field of youth development. The *B.U.I.L.D. Youth Empowerment Academy* currently operates in numerous middle school locations, private educational entities, community centers, and a variety of

acclaimed "*The Laws of Urban Street Survival*" which is used by a variety of firms as the source reference or "Bible" for violence abatement. He is currently in the process of presenting his second book, "*The Rapid Response Survival Manual*".

Basheer has been inducted into the instructors "*Hall of Fame*" and is listed in the "*Who's Who*" of Urban Survival Specialists and Personal Defense Instructors. Mr. Basheer has received Federal, State, Local and Private recognition as well as receiving hundreds of awards and honors...far too numerous to list. He has worked with some of the most prestigious private entities like the Rand Corporation and continues to work with local city and state governments throughout the nation.

It's hard to imagine that one man can do so much. We salute Brother Aquil Basheer for all his efforts and accomplishments. We wish him well...a man who definitely lives up to the description of a "*Force of One!*"

Editor's note: As a Security Specialist, Aquil is very restrictive with personal information. Here is a brief overview of his personal situation:

He has been married for over 31 years and has three children. Aquil grew up in a very large family, residing in Pacoima, Watts, Compton, and Los Angeles. He is a college graduate, has obtained numerous specialized instructional and teaching credentials and is considered a "Master Instructor"

Aquil's expertise and unselfish commitment has been of great benefit to the LAFD. Having been on the job for over 26 years, he has provided the Department a wealth of expertise in a variety of areas. Aquil has developed and taught the "Firefighters Street Safety" workshop, and is a current instructor of the "Community Safety Response Team Program". Aquil is also a current member of the C.I.S.M. team as well as being a past member of the Mayor's Crisis Response Team Program. He has taught a variety of workshops to the Department, with one of the latest being "Homeland Security" (what you need to know). His expertise has been used time and time again to assist department members with critical answers related to the issue of violence.

Aquil currently works as an Inspector in the LAFD Fire Prevention Bureau, has been a Department Chaplin for over three years and has recently entered the DROP program.

For more on Aquil Basheer and his work, go to: <http://www.maximumforceenterprises.com/home.htm>

