

OREGON

DEATH BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO THE SURVIVING FAMILIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY



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STATE DEATH BENEFITS

Effective October 24, 1999, the Public Safety Memorial Fund Board is established to oversee benefits that the spouse and child(ren) of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty may receive. When a public safety officer, either employed or volunteer, is killed in the line of duty, The Public Safety Memorial Fund Board may pay \$25,000 to the person designated on the beneficiary form that is to be provided by the agency employing or utilizing on a volunteer basis the public safety officer.

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

State Scholarship Commission

The Governor of Oregon signed legislation on July 10, 1997, to provide scholarships to the surviving children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

Section 1. ORS 348.270 (1) In addition to any other scholarships provided by law, the State Scholarship Commission shall award scholarships in any state institution under the State Board of Higher Education, in the Oregon Health Sciences University, in any community college operated under ORS chapter 341, or in any Oregon-based regionally accredited independent institution, to any student applying for enrollment or who is enrolled therein, who is the natural, adopted or stepchild of any public safety officer who, in the line of duty, was killed.

1.(2) Scholarships awarded under this section to students who are dependents of public safety officers shall equal the amount of tuition and all fees levied by the institution against the recipient of the scholarship. However, scholarships awarded to students who attend independent institutions shall not exceed the amount of tuition and all fees levied by the University of Oregon.

(3) If the student who is the dependent of a deceased public safety officer continues to remain enrolled in a state institution of higher education or a community college or an independent institution within the State of Oregon, the student shall be entitled to renewal of the scholarship until the student has received the equivalent of four years of undergraduate education and four years of post-graduate education.

Applicants should call 1-800-452-8807 and ask for the Grants section for information on the Deceased and Disabled Public Safety Officers Grant. Applicants must complete the

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). When applying, applicants should also ask for any other grants for which they may qualify.

The Public Safety Memorial Fund

Established October 24, 1999, the Public Safety Memorial Fund Board may award scholarships to surviving spouses and children for an undergraduate degree. In determining the amount of a scholarship, the board shall consider the applicant's financial need, the funds available in the Public Safety Memorial Fund, and the anticipated demands on the fund. The board may not grant a scholarship in an amount exceeding the highest tuition charged by a state institution of higher education for an undergraduate program.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Workers' Compensation coverage is compulsory for employers in Oregon. ORS 656.204 (1) the cost of funeral expenses shall be paid, but not to exceed 20 times the average weekly wage in any case. (2) $66 \frac{2}{3}$ percent of the average weekly wage is to be paid to the spouse until remarriage. (4) If there is no spouse, but child(ren) under the age of 18, a monthly benefit of 25 percent of the average weekly wage shall be paid to each child(ren) until the child(ren) turns 18. (5) If there is no spouse or child(ren), but a dependant, a monthly payment shall be made to each dependent equal to 50 percent of the average monthly support actually received by such dependent from the worker during the 12 months next preceding the occurrence of the accidental injury. To receive workers' compensation benefits the surviving spouse must take the initiative and file a workers' compensation claim through a workers' compensation attorney to receive any compensation. The determination as to whether the claim will be paid will be determined by the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.

HEALTH BENEFITS

Health benefits vary depending upon police department benefits. Spouses of state and county officers may elect to continue to participate in the same benefit program in effect at the time of the officer's death. Contact the Benefits Coordinator at your agency.

RETIREMENT/PENSION

Individual cities and municipalities are responsible for providing retirement and pension plans for law enforcement officers. Contact your local agency's Benefits Assistance Officer.

MORTGAGE BENEFIT

Established October 24, 1999, the Public Safety Memorial Fund Board may award to the spouse of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty an amount up to the equivalent

of 12 monthly mortgage payment on the residence of the spouse if there is no mortgage insurance to cover the cost.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

PEER SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

Established in 1984, Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc., (C.O.P.S.), is a national, non-profit organization that works with law enforcement agencies, police organizations, mental health professional, and local peer-support organizations to provide assistance to surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. C.O.P.S. has become a "lifeline" to police survivors nationwide. **Contact the C.O.P.S. National Office (800) 784-2611 or visit www.nationalcops.org/chap.htm for information on a chapter in your area.**

FUNERAL AND CREMATION BENEFITS

Dignity Memorial funeral, cremation and cemetery providers created the Public Servants Program for emergency service personnel. This program provides dignified and honorable tributes, at no cost, for career and volunteer law enforcement officers who fall in the line of duty. Visit their website for complete information @ www.dignitymemorial.com and look under Public Servants for details. You may also call 800-344-6489 and speak with a representative.

Wilbert Funeral Services, Inc. provides complimentary burial vaults and related services for fallen law enforcement officers. For more information visit www.wilbert.com or call (888) WILBERT.



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