

IDAHO



DEATH BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO THE SURVIVING FAMILIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

STATE DEATH BENEFITS

The sum of \$100,000 will be disbursed to a surviving spouse, with or without dependent children. In the event there is no surviving spouse, the sum of \$100,000 will be disbursed evenly to surviving dependent children under the age of 21. In the event there is neither a surviving spouse nor surviving dependent children under the age of 21, the sum of \$40,000 will be disbursed to the surviving parent or parents of the slain officer, to be split equally between the natural or adopted parents of the slain officer.

The death benefit provided in this section shall not be subject to state income taxes, and shall not affect, nor be affected by, any death benefit payments as may be provided under **Chapter 13, Title 59-1361A, Idaho code.**

This benefit is paid through the **Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI)**. Call (800) 451-8228 or visit <https://persi.idaho.gov/> for more information.

EDUCATION BENEFITS

The Armed Forces and Public Safety Officer Scholarship provides a waiver of tuition and fees plus up to \$750 per semester for books in addition to on-campus housing and subsistence to Idaho undergraduate students who are the children or spouses of military members or public safety officers killed in the line of duty. See <https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/scholarship-idaho/armed-forces-and-pso-dependent-scholarship> call (208) 334-2270 for more information or to apply.

IDAHO PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL offers a scholarship to dependents of full or part time public safety officers that were killed in the line of duty and also the State Scholarship under TITLE 33- 4302. Visit <https://www.idahopeaceofficersmemorial.com/scholarships> or call 208-489-6500 for more information.

CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS – provides financial assistance of up to \$2,000 per semester with a maximum lifetime amount of \$16,000 to surviving children and surviving spouses of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, according to C.O.P.S. criteria who wish to pursue a course of study beyond high school. Since there is a tuition-free education benefit available in your state, you must first apply for and be denied by the state or the institution to be eligible for the C.O.P.S. scholarship. How to Apply: <https://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/scholarship>

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The PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS' EDUCATION ASSISTANCE (PSOEA) Program provides financial assistance, for the purpose of seeking higher education, to the spouses and eligible children of local police, fire, and emergency public safety officers who have been killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty.

Educational assistance through the PSOEA Program is available after the Public Safety Officers' Benefit (PSOB) death or disability claim process has been completed and benefits have been awarded.

Visit <https://psob.bja.ojp.gov/> for more information and the application or call the PSOB Office toll-free at 1-888-744-6513 to discuss the requirements for receiving PSOEA benefits.

KIDS CHANCE OF IDAHO - To be eligible for a scholarship grant, applicants must have a parent who has been killed or seriously injured as a result of a work-related incident that meets the criteria of the Idaho Workers' Compensation Act and that has resulted in demonstrated financial need. Applicants must be between the ages of 16-25.

Visit <https://kidschanceofidaho.org/> for more information or to apply

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Weekly benefit due surviving spouse at 45% ASW, not to exceed 500 weeks. If spouse remarries, he/she is due a lump sum in an amount equal to the lesser of 100 weeks or the total benefit for the balance of the 500-week period at 45% of the current ASW.

Weekly benefit due surviving dependent spouse, if there are dependent children: an additional 5% ASW per child, until age 18, and if incapable of self-support after age 18, may be eligible for additional benefits. After the age of 18, if the child is enrolled as a full-time student in any accredited educational institution, or accredited vocational training program, weekly benefits are payable until such child ceases to be enrolled, or the child turns 23, whichever occurs first.

If you have any questions about benefits, call the **Idaho Industrial Commission** at (208) 334-6000 or visit <https://iic.idaho.gov/benefits-administration/injured-worker-information>

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS' BENEFITS (PSOB) PROGRAM

A unique effort of the U.S. Department of Justice; local, state, tribal, and federal public safety agencies; and national organizations, the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program provides death and education benefits to survivors of fallen law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other first responders, and disability benefits to officers catastrophically injured in the line of duty.

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The claim has two parts (A&B) that require the agency and family to fill out online. Visit <https://psob.bja.ojp.gov/> for additional filing information. If you need assistance filing this claim, contact the National C.O.P.S. office at (573) 346-4911 or cops@nationalcops.org

STATE LIFE INSURANCE & RETIREMENT

Check with your agency to see if you are eligible for State Life Insurance or death benefits from a Retirement system. You can also contact the **Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI)** at (800) 451-8228 or visit <https://persi.idaho.gov/>

HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS

Health benefits vary depending upon agencies. Contact the Benefits Coordinator at your agency.

FUNERAL BENEFITS

Workers' Compensation- If the death occurred within four (4) years of the job-related injury or disease, the law provides some compensation for funeral expenses. For more information, contact an **Industrial Commission Program Analyst** by calling (208) 334-6000 or 1-800-950-2210.

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 at <https://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 <https://www.wilbert.com/> or call (888) WILBERT.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

PEER SUPPORT ORGANIZATION 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 professionals, and local peer-support organizations to provide assistance to surviving families of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. C.O.P.S. provides Hands-On Programs, training for law enforcement, National Police Week registration/accommodations, scholarships, counseling and so much more to surviving families and co-workers.

Contact the C.O.P.S. National Office 573-346-4911, email cops@nationalcops.org or visit <https://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/local-chapters> for information on a chapter in your area. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. CST.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT Spouses, children, or parents may be eligible for Social Security Benefits. To apply for benefits, call (800) 772-1213 to speak to a Social Security representative or visit your local Social Security Office. You cannot report a death or apply for survivors benefits online. Visit <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/survivors/ifyou.html> or more information.

The Idaho Crime Victims Compensation Program was established in 1986 to provide assistance to innocent victims of crime for financial losses associated with a crime when other resources are not available to cover those expenses. To see if you qualify, visit <https://crimevictimcomp.idaho.gov/>

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE or other labor/fraternal groups may provide a one-time death benefit and/or education benefits to family members of a deceased member officer. Visit <https://www.fopidaho.com/> to find your local lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police.

IDAHO PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL provides immediate financial support of \$20,000 to the survivors of fallen officers in Idaho. Visit <https://www.idahopeaceofficersmemorial.com/> or call 208-489-6500 for more information.

First Responders Children's Foundation provides financial support to children who have lost a parent in the line of duty as well as families enduring significant financial hardships due to tragic circumstances. They also provide annual education scholarships to children of fallen heroes. For more information, call (646) 822-4236 or visit <https://1strcf.org>.

OTHER BENEFITS TO ASK YOUR AGENCY ABOUT:

City / Private life insurance?

County & Local Jurisdiction Benefits?