


Preventing Law Enforcement Suicide

Public Safety Officer Support Act
(PSOSA) 2022

Day Three


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Surviving Spouse



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Survivors of Blue Suicide (SBS)

Mission Statement

To foster hope by
uniting survivors of
law enforcement
suicide to support one
another and honor our
fallen heroes.



Public Safety Officer Support Act (PSOSA)

- ☐ Signed into law - August 16, 2022
- ☐ Recognizes suicide, under certain circumstances, as LODD.
- ☐ Retroactive - January 1, 2019
 - Death or attempt to die on or after

Public Safety Officer Support Act (PSOSA)

- In ALL Cases, Must
1. Be a Public Safety Officer, as described by PSOB.
 2. Be self inflicted death or permanent disability.
- AND**
- If 45 Days or Less, Must
3. Have had exposure to a traumatic event, within 45 days of death or attempt to die.
- OR**
- If 45 Days or More, Must
3. Have responded to a traumatic event in their career **AND**
 4. Exposure to the event was a Substantial Factor in the officer's action.

Public Safety Officer Support Act (PSOSA)

- If Approved by PSOSA Act:**
- C.O.P.S. Hands on Programs are available.
- C.O.P.S. services are made available during the determination process
- If Not approved by PSOSA Act:**
- Survivors of Blue Suicide (SBS) is available.
- C.O.P.S. helped start SBS, May, 2020
 - Virtual Peer Support Sessions

Additional Resources

- ☐ State and local benefits.
- ☐ **Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.)**
Call the C.O.P.S National Office at
573-346-4911 for assistance or with any questions.

