NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

STATE DEATH BENEFITS

New Hampshire Revised Statute 21-I:29-a Death Benefit for Police Officer or Firefighter Killed in Line of Duty. (Michael's Law)– The state treasurer shall pay a $100,000 death benefit to the family of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty. Payment to a dependent child under the age of 18 shall be made to the child's trustee for the benefit of the child. The Commissioner of Safety determines if the death qualifies as a line of duty death and who is eligible to receive the benefit.

Call the **New Hampshire Department of Public Safety** at (800) 735-2964 for questions or visit https://www.nh.gov/safety/

EDUCATION BENEFITS

Pursuant to RSA 188-F:16, any New Hampshire resident under 25 years of age who enrolls in a Community College System of New Hampshire institution shall not be required to pay tuition for attendance at such school if he or she is the child of a firefighter or police officer who died while in performance of his or her duties and whose death was found to be compensable under RSA 281-A. Any person entitled to free tuition under this section shall apply to the Community College System of New Hampshire institution he or she wishes to attend, which may require such proof as deemed necessary in order for a person to qualify for free tuition under this section.
Contact the **Financial Aid department at your Community College** for more information.

CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS – provides financial assistance of up to $2,000 per semester 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. How to Apply: https://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/scholarship

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 NEW HAMPSHIRE - 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 New Hampshire Workers' Compensation Act and that has resulted in demonstrated financial need.

For more information or to apply, visit https://www.kidschancenh.org

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

In a compensable case with compensation payable to a widow or widower for the benefit of herself or himself and dependent children, the commissioner shall determine what portion of the compensation shall be applied for the benefit of any such children and may order the same paid to a guardian. In the case of the remarriage of a widow or widower without dependent children, compensation payments would cease. In the case of the remarriage of a widow or widower who has dependent children, the unpaid balance of compensation, which would otherwise become due, shall be payable to the custodial parent or guardian as ordered by the commissioner for the use and benefit of such children during their dependency.

Any dependent, except a widow or a widower or children, who, at the time of the injury, is only partially dependent upon the injured person's earnings shall receive such proportion of the benefits provided for those wholly dependent as the amount of the wage contributed by the deceased to such partial dependent at the time of the injury bore to the total support of the dependent. Compensation for a dependent child shall continue until the child becomes 18 years of age, or until the child becomes 25 years of age and that child is enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited educational institution. However, if the commissioner determines that the child is self-supporting or if the child marries or is legally adopted, compensation shall cease. A dependent child who is physically or mentally incapacitated shall continue to receive compensation as long as the incapacity continues. Compensation payable to any dependent other than the widow, widower, or children shall cease when such dependent is married, is legally adopted, or is determined by the commissioner to be self-supporting.

For more information, contact the **New Hampshire Department of Labor – Workers' Compensation Division** by calling (800) 272-4353 or visit https://www.dol.nh.gov/workers-compensation

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.

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 visit:
NEW HAMPSHIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (NHRS) http://www.nhrs.org/members/benefits

HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS

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

FUNERAL BENEFITS

Workers' Compensation A reasonable expense of the employee's funeral and burial up to $10,000 will be paid by the employer. See Workers' Compensation section above.

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 for more information.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE http://nhpolice.net/

NEW HAMPSHIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
https://nhlawenforcementmemorial.com/

NEW HAMPSHIRE SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION https://nh-sheriffs.org/

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/nhsp/benevolent/index.html

THE ONE HUNDRED CLUB OF NEW HAMPSHIRE https://100clubnh.org/

NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE https://www.nhchiefsofpolice.com/

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE or other labor/fraternal groups may provide a one-time death benefit to family members of a deceased member officer. Contact your local lodge for 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 life insurance?
Private life insurance?
County & Local Jurisdiction Benefits?
Retirement Benefits?
Real estate tax relief?