



Preventing Law Enforcement Suicide

Public Safety Officer Support Act
(PSOSA) 2022

Day Three

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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 a self-inflicted death or permanent disability.
3. Have had exposure to a traumatic event, within 45 days of death or attempt to die.
4. Have responded to one or more traumatic event in their career **AND**
5. 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. Weekends & Camps 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.