



# Preventing Law Enforcement Suicide

Public Safety Officer Support Act  
(PSOSA) 2022

Day Three

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# Survivors of Blue Suicide (SBS)

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## **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)

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- ❑ 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)

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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)**

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## **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**

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- ❑ 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.