

UTAH

DEATH BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO THE SURVIVING FAMILIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY



To obtain certified copies of registered personal documents, contact the Bureau of Vital Statistics: Submit written request to PO Box 141012, Salt Lake City, UT 84114. Office: (801) 538-6101. www.health.utah.gov.

STATE DEATH BENEFITS

No one-time benefit is available.

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

Police Officer and Firefighters Survivor Tuition Act, also referred to as the "Golden Shield" policy.

Tuition waivers can be used for undergraduate education for not more than nine semesters. Must be in a program of study leading to a degree or certificate. Must attend a state institution of higher education and be under age 25. Some private institutions also provide this benefit but are not required to do so. Financial need is a consideration for the waiver.

For more information contact, Utah State Board of Regents, Utah System of Higher Education, Board of Regents Building, The Gateway, 60 South 400 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1284.

Office: (801) 321-7100. www.higheredutah.org

Utah Higher Education Commission

Beginning in the 1997-98 academic years, a state institution of higher education shall waive tuition for each child and surviving spouse of a Utah Peace Officer or Firefighter who has been killed or is killed in the line of duty.

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WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Spousal benefit is 66 2/3% of employee's average weekly wages for 312 weeks. After 312 weeks, benefit to spouse becomes subject to Social Security benefit offset. Minimum and maximum amounts apply and are adjusted annually. Upon remarriage, spouse receives 52-week lump sum distribution or remainder of award, whichever is less, and benefits terminate. If there are other dependents remaining at the time of remarriage, benefits shall be paid to such persons for the use and benefit of the other dependents. Children

are considered dependent until age 18 or longer if disabled. No continuation for full-time student status. All medical expenses associated with death are paid.

For more information contact: Utah Labor Commission, 160 E. 300 S., 3rd Floor, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6600. Office: [\(801\) 530-6800](tel:8015306800). www.laborcommission.utah.gov

HEALTH BENEFITS

Health benefits vary depending upon police department benefits. Spouses of state and county officers may elect to continue to participate in the same benefit program in effect at the time of the officer's death. Contact the Benefits Coordinator at your agency.

RETIREMENT/PENSION

Individual cities and municipalities are responsible for providing retirement and pension plans for law enforcement officers. Contact your local agency's Benefits Assistance Officer.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

PEER SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

Established in 1984, 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 professional, and local peer-support organizations to provide assistance to surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. C.O.P.S. has become a "lifeline" to police survivors nationwide. **Contact the C.O.P.S. National Office (800) 784-2611 or visit www.nationalcops.org/chap.htm for information on a chapter in your area.**

FUNERAL AND CREMATION BENEFITS

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 @ 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 www.wilbert.com or call (888) WILBERT.



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