STATE DEATH BENEFITS

Public Officers Indemnification Program - In the case of death or organic brain damage the current benefit is $150,000.00 payment shall be made to the surviving UN-remarried spouse or the dependents of the spouse or deceased person as shown in his or her most recent tax return or to the legal guardian of the organically brain damaged person. The designated person may elect to receive payment of $2,500.00 paid in equal monthly installments for five years or a lump sum of such amount reduced to its present value upon the basis of interest calculated at the rate of 6% per annum.

Contact the GA Department of Administrative Services by calling 404-656-6245, email risk.management@doas.ga.gov or visit http://doas.ga.gov/risk-management/insurance-services/georgia-state-indemnification-program for more information.

EDUCATION BENEFITS

The Georgia Public Safety Memorial Grant (PSMG) is a non-need based grant that provides funds to the dependent children of Georgia Public Safety Officers who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty. Funds may be used towards the Cost of Attendance at eligible colleges, universities, or technical colleges in Georgia, not to exceed $18,000 per award year.

Visit https://www.gafutures.org/ for more information or to apply.

CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS – provides financial assistance of up to $1,500 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. Since there is a tuition-free education benefit available in your state, you must first apply for and be denied by the state or the institution to be eligible for the C.O.P.S. scholarship.

How to Apply: https://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/scholarship

Atlanta Bar Association Police Scholarship Fund provides college scholarships to the children of Atlanta Police Department officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty. Scholarships will be awarded by the Atlanta Bar Foundation on a year-by-year basis. A maximum of four scholarships may be awarded to any one applicant if eligibility
requirements are met; however, an award to an applicant in any one year does not guarantee further awards in subsequent years.

For more information contact The Atlanta Bar Association, 229 Peachtree Street NE #400, Atlanta, GA 30303. Office: (404) 521-0781. https://www.atlantabar.org/page/Foundation-Programs.

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 GEORGIA - 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 Georgia Workers' Compensation Act and that has resulted in demonstrated financial need. Applicants must be between the ages of 16-25.

For more information or to apply, visit https://kidschancega.org/scholarships

HEALTHCARE 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.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION
Dependents will receive two-thirds of the decedents average weekly wage or a maximum of $575.00 per week for death on or after July 1, 2016. Dependents are the surviving spouse, children or dependent stepchildren. A widowed spouse with no children is limited to a total amount of $230,000.00, unless he or she remarries or cohabitates in a meretricious relationship.

For more information contact the State Board of Worker's Compensation 800-533-0682 or visit https://sbwc.georgia.gov/.
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 the individual systems listed below.

Peace Officers’ Benefit and Annuity Fund (POABF)
https://poab.georgia.gov/benefits/retirement-pension
Employees’ Retirement System of Georgia (ERSOG) https://www.ers.ga.gov/

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

FUNERAL BENEFITS
Workers’ Compensation will pay a maximum of $7,500 towards funeral expenses. 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.

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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#h6 for more information.

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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.

GEORGIA FOP https://www.georgiafop.org/

The 100 Club presents the surviving spouse or executor of the officer’s estate $20,000 for immediate financial assistance and will discuss future needs.

Call The 100 Club at 713-952-0100 for more information or visit https://the100club.org/

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.

The 300 Club of Atlanta was founded with the express purpose of assisting Atlanta area officers and families of fire fighters, police officers and first responders who are either disabled or killed in the line of duty.

Call 404-240-6736 or visit http://300clubatlanta.org/ for more information.

The purpose of The 200 Club is to help provide for the surviving spouses and dependents of law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics who lose their lives in the line of duty. This includes all federal, state, county and local officers, firefighters and paramedics stationed in and working out of 20 counties within the “Coastal Empire”.

For information contact The 200 Club by calling 912-721-4418 or visit https://twohundredclub.org.

Georgia’s P.O.R.C.H., Georgia’s Professional Outreach and Resource Center for Healing (P.O.R.C.H.) is a program designed to provide specialized services for those who experience trauma and grief after a homicide or suicide. Services are also provided when trauma results from life threatening and/or critical incidents in the state of Georgia.

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Call 478-445-1783 or visit the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council’s website at https://cjcc.georgia.gov/.

THE POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
The PBA member’s beneficiary will receive their base salary for one if year they are killed accidentally or intentionally while performing their law enforcement duties (maximum payout: $60,000). The beneficiary will receive $5,000 if it is not an occupational death or if you are a retired or reserve member. Any active PBA member in good standing and dues current will receive this benefit. Education scholarships may also be available.


Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Program may provide assistance if the officer was killed in the line of duty as a result of a violent crime. Visit http://crimevictimscomp.ga.gov/our-programs/officers-initiative/ for more information or to apply.

GEORGIA PUBLIC SAFETY MEMORIAL WALL https://www.georgiapublicsafetymemorial.org/

OTHER BENEFITS TO ASK YOUR AGENCY ABOUT:
City life insurance?
Private life insurance?
County & Local Jurisdiction Benefits?
Real Estate Tax Relief?