



# NEVADA

*Death benefits available to the surviving families of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty*

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## STATE DEATH BENEFITS

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Currently, there is no one time state death benefit available.

## EDUCATION BENEFITS

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**Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 396.545** states that the Board of Regents shall pay all registration fees, laboratory fees and expenses for required textbooks and course materials assessed against or incurred by a dependent child of a public safety officer who was killed in the line of duty or any other public employee who was killed in the performance of his or her duties, for classes taken towards satisfying the requirements of an undergraduate degree at a school within the System. No such payment may be made for any fee assessed after the child reaches the age of 23 years.

Visit the Nevada System of Higher Education at <https://nshe.nevada.edu/> or call the Board of Regents at Las Vegas - (702) 889-8426 or Reno - (775) 784-4901

**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>

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 NEVADA** - 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

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meets the criteria of the Nevada Workers' Compensation Act and that has resulted in demonstrated financial need.

For more information or to apply, visit <https://www.kidschance.org/>

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## WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Workers' Compensation coverage is compulsory for employers in Nevada. Death benefits may be paid to the surviving spouse, children or wholly dependent parents if there is no spouse or children. This benefit is subject to maximum and minimum amounts.

### Maximum compensation for 2020 is:

Per month.....	\$4,064.40
Per day.....	\$133.32
Per week.....	\$934.64
14 day (usual payment).....	\$1,869.29

For more information, call the Nevada Department of Business & Industry – Industrial Relations at Carson City - (775) 684-7270 Las Vegas - (702) 486-9000 or visit <http://dir.nv.gov/WCS/home/>

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## 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](mailto:cops@nationalcops.org)

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## 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:

**NEVADA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (NVPERS)** <https://www.nvpers.org/front>

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## 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.

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## FUNERAL BENEFITS

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**WORKERS' COMPENSATION** A reasonable expense of the employee's funeral and burial up to \$10,000 will be paid. 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

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### 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 (800) 784-2611, email [cops@nationalcops.org](mailto: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.

The **Victims Of Crime Program's** goal is to assist eligible victims of crime and their families cope, and recover from the physical, emotional and financial impact of violent crime. The VOCP assists victims with a variety of expenses that occur because of the crime. The VOCP can only reimburse crime-related expenses that are not covered by other sources. There are limits on individual benefits and no claim may exceed \$35,000.

The application can be found at [http://voc.nv.gov/VOC/VOC\\_Home/](http://voc.nv.gov/VOC/VOC_Home/) or you may call the Program Manager at (702) 486-2740 for more information.

**NEVADA FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE** <https://lasvegasfop.org/>

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**NEVADA STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION** <http://nsleoa.org/>

**NEVADA SHERIFFS AND CHIEFS ASSOCIATION** <https://nvsca.com/>

**NEVADA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL**  
<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Police/A/Home/PeaceOfficerMemorial>

**NEVADA POLICE UNION** <https://nevadapoliceunion.com/>

**THE 100 CLUB** <https://the100club.org/>

**SOUTHERN STATES POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION** <https://www.sspba.org/>

**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.

**NEVADA POLICE UNION** <https://nevadapoliceunion.com/>

**NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS** <http://www.napso.net/>

**LAS VEGAS POLICE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION** <https://lvppa.com/>

**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?

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