NEBRASKA
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 95065, Lincoln, NE 68509. Office: (402) 471-0915. www.dhhs.ne.gov.

STATE DEATH BENEFITS
No one-time benefit is available.

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
No educational benefit is available.

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION
Workers’ Compensation coverage is compulsory for employers in Nebraska; however, waivers are allowed. Benefit is 66 2/3% of employee’s wage for a spouse and 75% for spouse with child(ren). Starting January 1, 1996, the maximum weekly benefit will be 100% of the State’s Average Weekly Wage. There is also a maximum burial allowance of $10,000. Two-year lump sum payable to spouse upon remarriage and weekly benefits cease. Children receive benefits until age 18 or beyond age 18 if disabled, or until age 25 if full-time students. For more information contact the Nebraska Workers Compensation Division, PO Box 98908, Lincoln, NE 68509. Office: (800) 599-5155. www.wcc.ne.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.