NEW MEXICO
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 25767, Albuquerque, NM 87125. Office: (505) 827-0121. www.health.state.nm.us

STATE DEATH BENEFITS
A one-time state death benefit of $250,000 is payable to the designated beneficiary of New Mexico Police Officers killed in the line-of-duty. This excludes federal officers. If the officer is with Tribal Police the cases are different in every agency. For more information regarding Tribal Officers contact your agency.

An additional one-time death benefit for New Mexico State Police: $50,000 per employee, $25,000 additional for being State Police, $10,000 per family member and $5,000 for each child.
Contact the New Mexico State Police, 4491 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504 (Mailing: P.O. Box 1628, Santa Fe, NM 87504). Office: (505) 827-9000.

Every department in New Mexico has an additional benefit package for the surviving family. Please check with your departments benefits coordinator for more information.

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
"Fire Fighter and Peace Officer Survivors Scholarship Act"
Fire Fighter and Peace Officer Survivors Scholarships Act, provides a college scholarship program administered by the Board of Educational Finance. Any spouse or natural or adopted child, twenty-one years of age or under at the time of the peace officers death is eligible for educational assistance.
A survivor meeting entrance requirements shall be entitled to a scholarship to the eligible institution of his choice. The amount of the scholarship shall be equal to the amount of tuition charged by the institution attended. The scholarship shall continue for such time as the recipient remains a student in good standing at the institution, but in no event shall any survivor receive a scholarship for more than five years.
Contact The Commission on Higher Education, 2044 Galisteo Street Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Office: (505) 476-8400. www.hed.state.nm.us
WORKERS' COMPENSATION
Workers' Compensation coverage is compulsory for employers with 3 or more employees in New Mexico; however, waivers are allowed. Benefit is 66 2/3% of employee's wage for spouse only or for spouse with child(ren) with a maximum period of 700 weeks. There is also a maximum burial allowance of $7,500. Two-year lump sum is payable to spouse upon remarriage and weekly benefits cease. Children receive benefits until age 18 or beyond age 18 if disabled, or until age 23 if full-time students. Contact the NM Workers’ Compensation Administration, 2410 Centre AVE SE, (Mailing: PO Box 27198), Albuquerque, NM 87125. Office: (505) 841-6000 or Toll Free: 1-800-255-7964. [www.workerscomp.state.nm.us](http://www.workerscomp.state.nm.us)

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 at (573) 346-4911 or visit [https://www.nationalcops.org/localchapters.html](https://www.nationalcops.org/localchapters.html) for information on a chapter in your area.
FUNERAL AND CREMATION BENEFITS
Daniels Family Funeral Services provides funeral, cremation and interment options at each of their locations and cemeteries. They own three in the Albuquerque area: Vista Verde Memorial Park in Rio Rancho, Sandia Memory Gardens, and Fairview Memorial Park.
The fees are covered except certain items: death certificates, obituaries, and any fees outside the funeral home goods and services.
For more information, contact Joan Stasi, Location Manager, Office: 505-842-8800, or Cell: 505-843-6897.

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.