To obtain certified copies of registered personal documents, contact the Bureau of Vital Statistics: Submit written request to 225 Neilston ST, Columbus, OH 43215. Office: (614) 466-2531. www.odh.ohio.gov

**STATE DEATH BENEFITS**
There is no one-time benefit available.

**EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS**
Under the Ohio Revised Code 3333.26, children and the spouse of an officer who dies in the line of duty, and who is admitted to any State university or college as defined in Division (A) (1) of Ohio Revised Code 3345.12, community college, state community college, university branch or technical college, shall not be required to pay any tuition or any student fee for up to four years of education, which shall be at an undergraduate level. Benefits are available to children under age 26 or age 30 with military service who have been a resident of Ohio for at least one year. There is no age limit for spouses. A former spouse who was divorced or legally separated from the deceased person is eligible if he or she is the court-ordered custodial parent of a minor child of the marriage. Beginning March 2, 2001, the tuition and fee waiver applies to survivors of persons who held an equivalent law enforcement position in another state and were killed in the line of duty. The child or spouse must meet the existing programs’ requirements regarding age and residency in Ohio. For more information contact the Ohio Department of Higher Education, 25 South Front ST, Columbus, OH 43215. Office: (614) 466-6000. www.ohiohighered.org

**WORKERS’ COMPENSATION**
Workers’ Compensation coverage is compulsory for employers in Ohio; however waivers are allowed.

Workers’ Compensation benefits are payable to beneficiaries of ALL agency personnel providing the following criteria, as outlined in “A”, are met.

A. Should death be caused by or related to an industrial injury or disease, worker’s compensation will be paid to the spouse for life duration unless remarriage occurs and to dependent children until age 18 or beyond age 18 if disabled, or until age 25 is full-time students.
B. If the spouse remarries, they will receive an amount equal to two (2) years compensation.

C. Rate: 2/3 of the decedent's average weekly wage. This benefit is adjusted annually.

D. Maximum burial allowance is $5,500.

To receive workers' compensation benefits the surviving spouse must take the initiative and file a workers' compensation claim through a workers' compensation attorney to receive any compensation. The determination as to whether the claim will be paid will be determined by the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.

For more information contact the Bureau of Worker's Compensation, Claims Section, BWC 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215. Office: (800) 644-6292.
www.ohiobwc.com

**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.

Ohio Victims of Crime Compensation Program offers compensation to victims of criminally injurious conduct and their dependents for a wide variety of out-of-pocket expenses. Ohio’s Program is fair, enabling all victims to have the opportunity to be represented by the attorney of their choice with attorney fees paid from the reparations fund. Ohio’s Program does not cost the taxpayers one dollar. All awards, attorney fees
and administrative costs are funded from court costs assessed against all persons convicted of or pleading guilty to misdemeanors and felonies.

For more information or to find out available compensation contact Ohio Victims of Crime Compensation Program visit
www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/victimscompensation.

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.