
**STATE DEATH BENEFITS**
Act No. 4558 provides that the mortuary service which prepares the body for burial or internment, or renders any other services connected with the death of a Police Officer killed in the performance of his official duty, shall receive reimbursement not to exceed $2,500 from the Government of the Virgin Islands for actual expenses incurred.

**EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS**
There is no benefit available.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION**
If an injury causes death, at the time of injury or within four years as a consequence thereof, compensation is awarded to the surviving spouse, parents, or any heirs, including illegitimate children, who were dependent upon the deceased for support, partially or totally at the time of death. They are entitled to compensation payable in an amount not less than $25,000, but no more than $50,000.00. Survivors of a worker who dies as a result of a work-related incident should contact the Workers Compensation Administration for further information. The survivors of a Police Officer killed in the line of duty are entitled to $800 from Workmen’s Compensation towards funeral expenses, upon receipt of a bill from the funeral home.

**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.

**LIFE INSURANCE**
Upon the death of an employee, the beneficiary shall receive the sum of $10,000 life insurance. In addition, employees who contribute to the optional life insurance
program, life insurance in the amount of $5,000; $10,000; or $15,000, is payable to the employee’s beneficiary. Presentation of a death certificate to the Insurance Office is required.

**RETIRED/PENSION**

Retirement Benefits Payable to Beneficiary
If an employee dies in active service from duty-connected annuity in the following order of precedence:
Spouse 40% of your compensation at date of death;
Spouse and Children 60%;
Children under 18 years, if there is no spouse, 10% for each child, or a maximum of 50% divided among all children; and
Dependent parents, if there are no children 25% each.
If children have different parents, each parent will be required to file a claim at the Division of Personnel, Retirement office.
A copy of the deceased employee’s death certificate and child or children’s birth certificate(s) are required
Social Security Benefits
Children under the age of eighteen (18) years old (sometimes the surviving spouse) are entitled to monthly Social Security checks.
Application for such benefits must be filed by a member of the family of the deceased at the Social Security Office.
A copy of employee’s death certificate is required.

**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](http://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.