VIRGINIA

DEATH BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO THE SURVIVING FAMILIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

STATE DEATH BENEFITS

Under LODA, designated beneficiaries (or family members, absent a will) may be eligible for a death benefit in the amount of $100,000 in the event the LODA-eligible employee or volunteer dies in the line of duty. The beneficiary or family member must file a claim with the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) to be considered for LODA benefits.

In addition, an eligible spouse and eligible family members may qualify for premium-free coverage under LODA Health Benefits Plans, administered by the Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM).

The death benefit is a one-time payment made to a beneficiary or the beneficiaries of deceased eligible employees or volunteers:
It is paid based on the will of a deceased employee or volunteer.
If there is no will, the benefit is paid according to the order of precedence as defined in the Code of Virginia.

Visit [https://www.valoda.org/benefits/](https://www.valoda.org/benefits/) for more information.

EDUCATION BENEFITS

Concerns of Police Survivors – provides financial assistance to surviving children and to 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. Scholarships are not awarded to survivors who are entitled to a tuition-free education as a state death benefit. Applicants seeking financial assistance for education purposes are limited to the receipt of not more than $1,500 per semester, and total scholarship awards shall not exceed $12,000 maximum lifetime.

How to Apply: concernsofpolicesurvivors.org

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.

Call the PSOB Office toll-free at 1-888-744-6513 to discuss the requirements for receiving PSOEA benefits.

**WORKERS’ COMPENSATION**

**STATE LIFE INSURANCE - INTESTATE**

**HEALTH BENEFITS**

The Department of Human Resource Management administers the LODA (Line of Duty Act) Health Benefits Plans which were effective July 1, 2017.


**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 psob.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

**FUNERAL 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](http://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.

**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 https://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/local-chapters for information on a chapter in your area.

**ALABAMA PEACE OFFICERS’ ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND**

Membership in the Alabama Peace Officers’ Annuity and Benefit Fund entitles death benefits to officers’ survivors in the form of a one-time $2,500 death benefit payment for death from any cause plus, in the case of line-of-duty death, the return of all contributions during membership. Forms can be obtained from the Alabama Peace Officers’ Annuity and Benefit Fund, 514 South McDonough Street, PO Box 2186, Montgomery, AL 36102. Office: (334)242-4079.

**ALABAMA PEACE OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION**

The Alabama Peace Officers’ Association offers survivors of deceased active members a $500 death benefit for death from any cause. Survivors of active members killed in the line of duty receive a $10,000 benefit. Contact the Alabama Peace Officers’ Association, 940 Pelham Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. Office: (334)269-4328. http://www.alabamapeaceofficers.org/

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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.

**ALABAMA CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION 15-23-1**

Victims of violent crime are often reduced to bereft and destitute circumstances as a result of the criminal acts perpetrated against them, that the financial or economic resources of such victims and their dependents are in many instances distressed or depleted as a result of injuries inflicted upon them by violent criminals.

The ALABAMA CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND intends to provide a means whereby victims of violent crime and their dependents may be provided compensation in the amount of actual expenses incurred as a direct result of criminal acts of other persons.
Contact the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Commission, PO Box 231267, Montgomery, AL 36123. Office: (334) 290-4420. www.acvcc.state.al.us/

SOUTHERN STATES POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
The PBA member’s beneficiary will receive their base salary for one if year they are killed accidentally or intentionally while performing their law enforcement duties (maximum payout: $60,000). The beneficiary will receive $5,000 if it is not an occupational death or if you are a retired or reserve member. Any active Southern States PBA member in good standing and dues current will receive this benefit.

OTHER BENEFITS TO ASK YOUR AGENCY ABOUT:
City life insurance?
Private life insurance?
County & Local Jurisdiction Benefits?