

NEVADA

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 4150 Technology Way, Suite 104, Carson City, NV 89706. Office: (775) 684-4242. www.health.nv.gov

STATE DEATH BENEFITS

Death benefits for public safety officers in Nevada is \$20,000 life insurance, \$20,000 accidental death benefit, and \$50,000 if you are traveling for business while on duty. For more information contact the Nevada Department of Public Safety, 555 Wright Way, Carson City, NV 89711. Office: (775) 684-4694. www.dps.nv.gov

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

Sec. 396.540

Tuition charges for students at the University of Nevada are free to all students whose families are bona fide residents of the State of Nevada or to all students whose families reside outside the state, provided such students have themselves been bona fide residents of Nevada for at least six months prior to their matriculation at the university.

Sec. 396.543

The board of regents may enter into an agreement with another state for the granting of full or partial waivers of the nonresident tuition to residents of the other state who are students at or are eligible for admission to any branch of the system if the agreement provides that, under substantially the same circumstances, the other state will grant reciprocal waivers to residents of Nevada who are students at or are eligible for admission to universities or colleges in the other state.

Sec. 396.545

To the extent of legislative appropriation, the board of regents shall pay all registration fees, laboratory fees and expenses for required textbooks and course materials assessed against or incurred by a dependent child of a police officer, fireman, or officer of the Nevada Highway Patrol who was killed in the line of duty for classes taken towards satisfying the requirements of an undergraduate degree at a school within the University and Community College System of Nevada. No such payment may be made for any fee assessed after the child reaches the age of 23 years.

When applying for admission, dependent children under the age of 23 should request the waiver of fees as provided for in Sec. 396.545 and provide proof of the line-of-duty death of the parent.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Workers' Compensation coverage is compulsory for employers in Nevada.

The maximum considered wage for computing disability/death compensation for fiscal year 2015 has been certified by the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, Employment Security Division.

MAXIMUM COMPENSATION

Per month.....	\$3,570.82
Per day.....	\$117.31
Per week.....	\$821.17
14 day (usual payment).....	\$1,642.34

Each year the benefit changes to 2/3 of 150% of the state average wage. If spouse remarries, he/she would be eligible for a two-year lump sum based on the maximum monthly award. Dependent children living in home of remarried spouse would receive 15% of officer's earned wage up to 66 2/3% of the maximum monthly award of the surviving spouse.

If a dependent who is receiving a portion of the survivor benefits should marry, finish school, or drop out of school, then these benefits would revert back to the widow/widower providing they had not remarried. Also, once the 100 months benefit has passed on an applicable dependent, the benefit is then reverted back to the widow/widower.

In the state of Nevada, the State Industrial Insurance System would be notified of the death of an officer by the department that he or she worked for and at that time they would be instructed on how to begin the process of applying for the applicable benefits. Many times an investigator and a claim specialist will also assist the family in the application. There is a maximum burial allowance of \$10,000 and transportation expenses are allowed for the deceased and an accompanying person to a mortuary within the continental limits of the United States.

It is required that benefits for dependents outside the home and under the age of 18 have a court appointed guardian for the child's estate. This will hopefully ensure that the benefit is used for the future care and education of the dependent child. Once the widowed spouse remarries and the children receive the direct benefit, guardianship is also required.

For more information contact the Nevada Division of Industrial Relations, 400 W King ST, Carson City, NV 89703. Office: (775) 684-7270. Nevada Division of Industrial Relations, 1301 N Green Valley PKWY, Henderson, NV 89074. Office: (702) 486-9080. www.dirweb.state.nv.us.

HEALTH BENEFITS

In 1999 Nevada Revised Statute 287.021 and 287.0477 were passed which requires Nevada Police and Fire Agencies to offer continued insurance coverage for spouses and children after line-of-duty deaths. The agency is responsible for the entire cost of the premiums. This law also applies to the continued participation in the Nevada State Retirement System. Your Benefits Assistance Officer should be able to help you.

RETIREMENT/PENSION

Public Employees' Benefits Program (PEBP) provides benefits to the surviving families. Non-State Retiree Eligibility effective November 30, 2008, a non-state retiree is eligible to enroll in or continue PEBP coverage at retirement, only if they are retiring from a local government agency who participate in PEBP with its active employees. If a local government agency opts out of PEBP after November 30, 2008, their retirees will not be eligible to continue PEBP coverage unless the retiree was enrolled in PEBP continually since November 30, 2008. Employees hired on or after January 1, 2010, who retire less than 15 years of service are eligible for PEBP coverage at retirement, but will not qualify for the years of service subsidy, unless he or she retires under a long-term disability plan and has at least 5 years of service. The surviving spouse and any surviving child of a police officer or firefighter who was employed by a participating public agency and who was killed in the line of duty may join or continue coverage under PEBP if the police officer or firefighter was eligible to participate on the date of the death.

Public Employees' Retirement System (NVPERS), You are eligible for a survivor benefit if the employee had two years of service in the two and one-half years immediately preceding death, you had more than 10 years of accredited service or your death was caused by an occupational disease or an accident arising out or in the course of your employment, regardless of service credit. Eligible survivors include spouse or registered domestic partner, beneficiary, dependent children under the age of 18 or dependent parents provided there are no other eligible survivors at the time of death. For more information contact the Public Employees' Retirement System. Office: (866) 473-7768. www.nvpers.org

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.



CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS PO BOX 3199 CAMDENTON, MO 65020
OFFICE-(800) 784-2677 FAX-(573) 346-1414
WWW.NATIONALCOPS.ORG COPS@NATIONALCOPS.ORG