

# LINE-OF-DUTY HONORS & SURVIVOR BENEFITS

*Honoring Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS Who Gave All*

When a first responder is lost in the line of duty, their department and fellow officers or firefighters lead the ceremonial honors. We work directly with the agency to weave those traditions into the service, and help your family understand the federal benefits available to you.

## HOW HONORS ARE COORDINATED

**The agency leads.** The officer or firefighter's department, honor guard, and mutual-aid partners typically provide the ceremonial elements — flag folding, badge shrouding, bagpipes, and radio call-out.

**We coordinate the details.** Our team works with the department's honor guard and chaplain to fit those traditions around the service, procession, and burial.

**A dignified send-off.** Line-of-duty services often include a full department procession, an end-of-watch or last-alarm call, and mutual-aid attendance from neighboring agencies.

## STEPS FOR THE FAMILY

- 1 Call us.** Let your funeral director know the death occurred in the line of duty, and share the officer or firefighter's department and contact.
- 2 We contact the agency.** The department's honor guard and chaplain's office confirm the ceremonial plan and timing.
- 3 We help you apply for benefits.** Our team can point you to the federal Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) program and connect you with survivor support organizations.

Families of public safety officers killed in the line of duty may qualify for a one-time federal death benefit through the **Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program**:

**\$461,656**

plus education assistance for surviving spouses and children — administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, not the funeral home.

## WHO'S COVERED

Law enforcement  
officers

Firefighters

EMS & emergency  
management personnel

Public safety chaplains

## Need Help Navigating Line-of-Duty Benefits?

We've walked departments and families through this process before. Whether you're planning a service now or want to understand what's available in advance, we're here any time, day or night.

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