

# **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

## **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 71 South Fruit Street, Concord, New Hampshire 03301. Office: (603) 271-4650. [www.sos.nh.gov/vitalrecords](http://www.sos.nh.gov/vitalrecords).

### **STATE DEATH BENEFITS**

The state treasurer shall pay a **\$100,000 death benefit** to the family of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty. Payment to a dependent child shall be made to the child's trustee for the benefit of the child. The governor, with the consent of the executive council, is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

### **EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS**

No educational benefit is available.

### **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

Workers' Compensation coverage is compulsory for employers in New Hampshire. Benefit is 66 2/3% of employee's wage for a spouse only or for a spouse with child(ren). A one-time maximum burial expense of \$10,000 is paid by the state workers' compensation program.

Spouse benefits cease upon remarriage. Children receive benefits until age 18 or beyond age 18 if disabled, or until age 25 if full-time students. For more information contact the Workers' Compensation Division of the New Hampshire Department of Labor, 95 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301. Office: (603) 271-3176.

[www.nh.gov/labor](http://www.nh.gov/labor).

### **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](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](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](http://www.wilbert.com) or call (888) WILBERT.



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