



STATE OF CALIFORNIA **DEATH BENEFITS**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Both Federal and State death benefits MAY be tax exempt. The IRS Code of the United States states that:

Survivor benefits attributable to service by a public safety officer who is killed in the line of duty:

(1) In General

Gross incomes shall not include any amount paid as a survivor annuity on account of the death of a public safety officer (as such term is defined in section 1204 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act 1968) killed in the line of duty—

- (A) If such annuity is provided, under a governmental plan which meets the requirements of section 401(a), to the spouse (or a former spouse) of the public safety officer or to a child of such officer; and
- (B) To the extent such annuity is attributable to such officer's service as a public safety officer.

(2) Exceptions

Paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to the death of any public safety officer if, as determined in accordance with the provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968—

- (A) The death was caused by the intentional misconduct of the officer or by such officer's intention to bring about such officer's death;
- (B) The officer was voluntarily intoxicated at the time of death;
- (C) The officer was performing such officer's duties in a grossly negligent manner at the time of the death
- (D) The payment is to an individual whose actions were substantial contributing factor to the death of the officer

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101 (h) (2) (A) the death was caused by the intentional misconduct of the officer or by such officer's intention to bring about such officer's death, the officer was voluntarily intoxicated at the time of death, the officer was performing such officer's duties in a grossly negligent manner at the time of death, or the payment is to an individual whose actions were a substantial contributing factor to the death of the officer.

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To obtain certified copies of registered personal documents, contact the State Registrar, 410 "N" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916)445-2684.

Claims for benefits may call for only simple processing by a beneficiary, **or may involve complicated legal hearings** requiring substantial attorney participation. Laws and provisions relating to death benefits are subject to constant change and it is possible that some of the information presented here could be altered at anytime. For these reasons, the primary beneficiary should **always consult with competent legal or professional counsel** before attempting to collect benefits.

The jurisdiction's personnel office and the police or sheriff's department should be considered as valuable resources for both information and assistance. Benefits outlined are for sworn safety members. **Benefits for non-sworn employees are substantially different.**

A variety of benefits are generally available, but application **must be made to a number of different agencies or organizations in order to obtain them.** Following are some of the most common benefits, but this list should not be considered to be all inclusive.

Public Employees Retirement System

50% of the deputy's salary shall be paid to the spouse (for lifetime) of a PERS member who is killed in the performance of his or her duty or who dies as a result of an accident or an injury caused by external violence or physical force.

Additional benefits for the officer's children:

- 1 Child: 12.5% of the fallen officer's salary
- 2 Children: 20% of the fallen officer's salary
- 3 or more Children: 25% of the fallen officer's salary

** Effective January, 2001, surviving spouses qualify to receive the same pay increases every year as the working deputy would have received until he/she would have turned 50 years old.

** Remarriage penalty was removed in 1996 for the surviving spouse.

STATE PENSION BENEFITS

Names of retirement systems:

1. 1937 Act County Retirement System - INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT SYSTEMS NEGOTIATED PER COUNTY. PLEASE CONTACT INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT OR ASSOCIATION.
2. Public Employees Retirement System - 50% OF THE OFFICER/DEPUTY'S SALARY SHALL BE PAID TO THE SPOUSE (FOR LIFETIME) OF A PERS MEMBER WHO IS KILLED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER DUTY OR WHO DIES AS A RESULT

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OF AN ACCIDENT OR AN INJURY CAUSED BY EXTERNAL VIOLENCE OR PHYSICAL FORCE. ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE OFFICERS CHILDREN: 1 CHILD 12.5% OF OFFICERS' SALARY, 2 CHILDREN 20%, AND 3 OR MORE CHILDREN 25% UNTIL THE CHILD MARRIES OR REACHES THE AGE OF 22 YEARS OLD.

3. Independent Local Pension Systems - INDIVIDUAL CHARTERED CITIES - PLEASE CONTACT THE SPECIFIC AGENCY OR ASSOCIATION.

Due to the fact that there are **at least three systems** with several different options available in each system, it is suggested that the retirement board be contacted for information. **Contact: Office of Criminal Justice Planning, PO Box 419047, Cordova, CA 95814 or call (916) 845-8510.**

In 1996, Governor Pete Wilson signed AB 3478 which removed the remarriage penalty for survivors of law enforcement officers covered under the California Public Employees Retirement System.

Effective 2001, Governor Gray Davis signed AB 2621, which allows the surviving spouses (under the PERS Retirement System) to receive the same pay increases every year as the working officer/deputy would have received until he/she would have turned 50 years old. This is calculated by using the final job classification he/she held at the time of their death. This bill applies only if the deceased officer/deputy would've been under 50 years old as of 1/1/01. This also deletes the "adoption penalty" for the surviving children of officers/deputies who are currently receiving PERS benefits. The children will not lose their PERS benefits upon adoption.

Also, local peace officers' associations are a good source for information about retirement system death benefits.

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

In 1970, **Assembly Bill 338** was passed by the 1970 California Legislative Session. Known as the **Alan Pattee Scholarship Act**, this legislation amended **Section 68121 of the California Education Code**.

Under this Act, **no fees or tuition of any kind** shall be required of or collected by the Regents of the California State University from **any surviving child, natural or adopted**, of a public safety official in the State of California who is killed in the line of duty. The Trustees of the California State University may enter into agreements with **other universities or colleges located within the state** whereby qualified students from campuses of the California State University may attend the other universities or colleges without payment of some or all fees or tuition or both. Further, the trustees may enter into agreements with **public colleges and universities in other states** whereby qualified students from the California State University may attend the other college or university without payment of any tuition fee charged by that institution.

The waiver of fees and tuition is handled by the state-supported college or university the surviving child plans to attend. **When applying, the student must make the college or**

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university aware of the fact that he or she is a surviving child of a law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty and qualifies for tuition-free education under Section 68121 of the Education Code known as the Alan Pattee Scholarship Act.

EFFECTIVE August 2003, non-California residents who are California survivors may attend a California school at the IN-STATE tuition rate and apply for both the Alan Pattee Scholarship and the LEPD grant.

Effective 1/1/2001, Governor Davis signed AB1850 which provides surviving spouses the same benefit that their (surviving) children receive. This consists of TUITION FREE education throughout the University of California, Hastings College of Law, and California State University systems.

In addition to tuition-free education from the state, scholarships are available under **Section 4709 of the Labor Code** for persons who were dependents of peace officers or law enforcement officers at the time of death. Dependents must have been natural or adopted children or a dependent spouse. Any officer, who is killed in the performance of duty or who dies or is totally disabled as a result of an accident or an injury caused by external violence or physical force, incurred in the performance of duty, when the death, accident, or injury is compensable shall be entitled to a scholarship at **any one of the institutions of collegiate grade** located in California if the institution offers a two-year junior college or four-year college course and is **accredited** or is a candidate for accreditation by the **Western Association of Schools and Colleges**.

This program is known as the **Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents (LEPD)** program and is administered by the California Student Aid Commission. **Contact: California Student Aid Commission, PO Box 419029, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9029, telephone (888) 224-7268 or by fax at (916) 464-8002.**

As used in this section, "**dependent**" means the children (natural or adopted) or spouse, at the time of the death or injury, of the peace officer.

The **Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)** offers a scholarship program that includes family members of officers killed in the line of duty. **For more information, contact PORAC at 4010 Truxel RD, Sacramento, CA 95834 or call (916) 928-3777.**

The **California Peace Officers Memorial Foundation** awards three scholarships each year to dependents of California officers who died in the line of duty. Amounts and duration will be determined by the Scholarship Committee based upon available funds. **For more information, contact 17001 I ST #100, Sacramento, CA 95811 or call (916) 443-1797.**

The **California Correctional Peace Officers Association** awards scholarship funds to immediate family (son, daughter, current spouse, mother, father, brother, sister) of its deceased *members*. Contact the Sacramento Office (916) 372-6060, Contact the Fresno Office (559) 431-5390, Rancho Cucamonga Office (909) 980-6376 or visit their website at www.ccpoa.org



HEALTH BENEFITS

Effective October 1996, all employers are required to continue to provide health benefits to the spouse and dependents of peace officers and firefighters who are killed in the line of duty. This benefit is not to cease upon remarriage. Minor dependents shall continue to receive the benefits under the coverage provided to the surviving spouse, or, if there is no surviving spouse, until 21 years of age.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

It is mandatory in the State of California that employers carry this coverage. This benefit is supplied by the City/County Insurance carrier. The benefit will be paid out as follows in all cases where a peace officer has died in the line of duty:

- \$290,000 payable in weekly checks of 2/3 the employees pay up to \$840 maximum. If there is a surviving child or children, the weekly payments can exceed the maximum amount and continue until the youngest child turns 18 years old.
- \$5,000 burial expenses.

NOTE: This benefit is applied for and filed somewhat automatically with the assistance of the deceased employing agency. If an appeal is necessary, the services of an attorney specializing in this area will be required.

PERSONAL LIFE POLICY - INTESTATE

Descent and Distribution - All separate property, both real and personal, of decedent which is not disposed of by will, or if there is excess of such property over share of surviving spouse or entire estate if there is no surviving spouse, descends and is distributed as follows, any class of which member is living taking to exclusion of subsequent classes. (1) Issue of decedent, equally if same degree; (2) parents or surviving parents; (3) issue of parents or either of them, equally if same degree of kinship or, if unequal (4) grandparents or issue of grandparents, equally if same degree of kinship or if unequal (5) issue of predeceased spouse equally if of same degree or if unequal (6) next of kin to equal degree, or if unequal (7) parents of predeceased spouse or issue of each parent.

If decedent left no spouse or issue, and predeceased spouse died not more than 15 years before decedent, portion of decedent's estate attributable to decedent's predeceased spouse, as defined,



shall pass in equal shares to issue of predeceased spouse by right of representation, if any, otherwise to parents of predeceased spouse, or survivor, if any, otherwise to parents or issue of deceased parents of predeceased spouse and their decedents by right of representation. Portion of decedent's estate attributable to predeceased spouse includes one-half of community property in existence at death of predeceased spouse which such spouse transferred to surviving spouse or which vested in decedent upon death of predeceased spouse. Such portion includes all separate property of predeceased spouse. Remaining portion of decedent's estate shall be distributed according to intestate rules escheat to state because there is no kin of decedent to take, that portion then passes to next of kin of predeceased spouse.

Statutory scheme provides for distribution among heirs or beneficiaries, for both intestacy and where will or trust.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

The TASER Foundation will provide support to the families of those who gave their lives while protecting their communities. Immediate family (spouse and/or dependents) or a sworn active duty U.S. law enforcement officer whose life was lost in the line of duty are eligible for benefits. In order to qualify, the immediate cause of a loss of life must be duty related. Loss of life from a pre-existing medical condition does not qualify. For example, if an officer working an administrative job suffers a heart attack while on duty the case would not be eligible. Grants are available only upon request by the chiefs of police and sheriff's as well as federal law enforcement executives in the name of the officers killed in the line of duty since August 1, 2001 in the U.S. and Canada. Checks are made directly payable to the families, but are coordinated through the officer's department to avoid unnecessary intrusion into the families' privacy.

A grant application can be obtained by visiting:

http://www.taserfoundation.org/Documents/TASER_Foundation_Grant_Application.pdf

Completed applications are sent to: Ms. Gerry Hills, Executive Director, The TASER Foundation Gerry@TASER.com –Phone (480) 905-2090 or Fax (480) 905-2035.

California Narcotic Officers Association (CNOA):

- For any member of the CNOA killed in the line of duty: \$5,000.
- For any non-member killed in the line of duty: \$3,000.\
- An additional \$10,000 in AD&D insurance will be paid for a member of CNOA who is killed in the line of duty.
- Claims may be filed by contacting state officers of the CNOA at (661) 775-6960, fax (661) 775-1648.

NRA Death Benefit: If a deputy, with or without compensation, is feloniously killed in the line of duty (line of duty according to government guidelines) and is a current member of the National Rifle Association, the surviving spouse/family is entitled to a \$25,000 death benefit. Contact NRA Insurance Administration and Claims at (877) 672-3006 with the name of the NRA member and the membership number. The surviving spouse/family must contact the NRA insurance carrier within 90-DAYS of the officer's death.

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The Military Order of the Purple Heart - Membership restricted to "Purple Heart" recipients. Educational benefits for surviving children available. 2.5 GPA required. National Headquarters: 5413-B Blacklick, Springfield, VA 22151. (703) 642-5360.

The Knights Of Columbus - Catholic organization. Scholarships to children of members of the Order, who, as a result of criminal violence, lost their lives or became totally and permanently disabled while in the lawful performance of their duties as full-time law enforcement officers. Contact: Director of Scholarship Aid, Knights of Columbus, P.O. Drawer 1670, New Haven, CT 06507, (203)772-2130. Also sponsors a Student Loan Program.

Fraternal Order of Eagles - Through their Memorial Foundation, the Eagles provide financial assistance for surviving children of full-time law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty who were also active members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles at the time of their death. Contact: Eagles Memorial Foundation, 4710 14th Street West, Bradenton, FL 34207.

National Guard - Members of the National Guard are provided with \$50,000 life insurance policy that covers them on and off military duty. Contact the member's military unit and they will assist in filing the paperwork. The United States Army Reserve may be of help if the deceased was a Reservist.

National Sheriffs Association - The National Sheriffs Association provides \$3,000 accidental death or dismemberment for its members. Member need not be on duty at the time of occurrence. Officer may have joined individually or as a covered member of the employing agency. To check membership or begin claim you may call 1-800-424-7827 or write to: National Sheriffs Association, 1450 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. You will need a copy of the death certificate and an incident report from the investigating agency.

*****Check with your member organizations for available benefits.***

If your officer was killed in **Los Angeles, California**, there is a book published by the **Los Angeles Police Protective League 1308 W. Eighth ST, Los Angeles, CA 90017 or call (213) 388-9768 or visit www.lapd.com**. It is entitled "A Benefits Guide For The Families Of Los Angeles Police Officers". As the title of this book states, it is a "guide" to help Los Angeles Police Officers and their families know what benefits are available to them on the death of a police officer. It is only a guide and you or your spouse may be entitled to more benefits than are stated within the text. Because situations and locations of officers is so diverse, contact your local benefits program for specific benefits to which you are entitled.

If your officer was employed by the **City of Oakland**, you may be entitled to additional benefits. **Contact the Oakland Police Officers Association, 555 5th Street, Oakland, CA 94607 or call (510) 834-9670 or visit www.opoa.org**.

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California has a **Victim Assistance Program**. This program can only be utilized if all other insurances, coverage, and money has been exhausted. For information, contact **Victims Assistance, 1401 Lakeside #802, Oakland, CA 94612, telephone (510) 272-6180**.

100 Clubs exist in **some California counties**. Check with your **Benefits Assistance Officer** to see if a 100 Club exists in your county.

Members of fraternal organizations may have additional life insurance. Check with your **Benefits Assistance Officer** for information.

Credit Card Travelers Insurance

If your spouse happened to be traveling at the time he/she died, various credit card companies provide traveler s insurance if the trip was financed through that credit card company and you opted to travel on a major mass transportation carrier such as airlines, buses, ships, or rental cars.

You should check with your credit card companies to ascertain the amounts of coverage and the limits of the policies. Coverage ranges from \$50,000 to \$500,000 depending on the card company. Here are a few referral numbers:

American Express (800-528-2122)
VISA (800-VISA911)
Mastercard Bank of America (800-MCASSIST)

Personal Life Insurance

Normally life insurance companies require only two forms to establish proof of a claim:

- 1) A Statement of claim, and
- 2) A death certificate or attending physician's statement.

The claimant's certificate must be completed by the person legally entitled to receive the proceeds who must state in what capacity he or she makes the claim - named beneficiary, assignee, executor, administrator, guardian, or trustee. Claimant will have to supply the company with the following:

1. Policy
2. Full name and address of deceased
3. Decedent's occupation and date last worked.
4. Decedent's date and place of birth.
5. Date, place, and cause of death.
6. Claimant's name, age, address, and Social Security number.

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To expedite handling of insurance claims, contact should be made with your local insurance agent or home office.

If the deceased was a member of any union, service organization, business association, fraternal organization, automobile club, etc., the group should be contacted for information regarding insurance or other benefits available to survivors.

It is noted that a beneficiary of an insurance policy has several options for receiving the payment: lump sum, life annuity or periodic payments. Insurance proceeds are *not generally taxable* nor are they considered income to the beneficiary.

FEDERAL VICTIM/WITNESS NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

For offenders in Federal custody, the Bureau of Prisons established procedures to be followed in responding to a request from a victim or witness who wishes to be notified regarding a specific inmate's release or release-related activities. The Bureau manages the Victim and Witness Notification Program to meet the needs of qualifying individuals who request information from the US Attorney in the district in which the prosecution occurred. The US Attorney forwards the request to the Warden of the institution where the inmate is confined and will then notify the victim or witness in writing of the inmate's location and of all significant release-related activities. These include release, escape, furlough, transfer to a community corrections center, parole hearings, and death. To obtain information about an offender's status, call 1-800-359-3267. Occasionally, inmates are transferred between Bureau of Prisons institutions for adjustment purposes, population balance, or other sound correctional reasons. Victims and witnesses are not routinely notified of these internal system transfers. Any victim/witness may learn the location of any confined inmate by calling or writing the Bureau of Prisons Inmate Locator System, c/o US Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 1st Street NW, Room 536, Washington, DC 20534, telephone 202-307-3126.

MEMORIALS

Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation (LAPMF) is located at the Police Administration Building, 100 West First Street.

California Police Officers Memorial is located on 10th Street in Sacramento, CA. You may contact the CPOM at 1700 I Street #100, Sacramento, CA 95811.

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

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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 (573) 346-4911 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.

SURVIVOR LEGAL CONCERNS

TAXES

Providing specific and acceptable service in this area is difficult at best. Assistance can be provided by competent tax attorneys or accountants.

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 and as amended in 2001 by Public Law 107-15 allows that survivor benefits paid after December 31, 2001, regardless of when the officer was killed, can be excluded from gross income when calculating Federal income taxes. Again, seek advice from a competent tax attorney or accountant.

WILLS AND ESTATES

Perhaps it is important to describe several of the provisions that are applicable to Wills and Estates.

- 1) **Community Property Laws** - are State laws that provide for the joint ownership of property when acquired during the marriage. It does not matter whether the property was acquired by both parties together or one party singularly; it is still Community Property, unless, of course, one spouse disclaimed an interest in the property by a proper deed. The effect of this law makes it *impossible for one spouse to will away the other spouse's interest* in any property. The states having Community Property Laws are as follows: Arizona, Nevada, California, New Mexico, Idaho, Texas, Louisiana, and Washington (state).
- 2) **Curtesy Laws** - were adopted by certain States to provide the husband with the legal right to use one-third or more of the deceased wife's real property for as long as he lives, even if the property was sold to a third party, provided of course that the husband did not



sign the deed to the property when it was sold. Not all states have Curtesy Laws, but those that do are listed as follows: Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Ohio, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

- 3) **Downer Laws** - are adopted by certain States to provide the wife with the legal right to use one-third or more of the deceased husband's real property for as long as she lives. And as held under Curtesy Laws, this right applies even though the property was sold to a third party. This is provided that the wife did not sign the deed when it was sold. Those States having Downer Laws are as follows: Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia.
- 4) **Estate Taxes** - An Estate is subject to two (2) kinds of taxes, Federal Estate Taxes and State Inheritance Taxes. Generally, State Inheritance Taxes are based upon a fixed percentage of the value of the gross estate after all applicable deductions are made. This percentage of course varies from state to state, but the average is around six percent (6%). The Federal Estate Taxes are based upon a graduated scale that was revised in 1981 under what is called the "*1981 Economic Recovery Tax Act*". The Act revised the maximum Estate Tax Rate effective in each of the years that followed its enactment.

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

ALAN PATTEE SCHOLARSHIP ACT

In 1970, Assembly Bill 338 was passed. Known as the Alan Pattee Scholarship Act, this legislation amended Section 6811 of the California Education Code. Under this act **no fees or tuition of any kind** shall be required of or collected by the regents of the University of California (68120) or the Trustees of the California State University (68121) from any surviving child, natural or adopted, of any resident of the state of California who was killed in the performance of his/her duties as a law enforcement officer/firefighter in the State of California. The waiver of fees and tuition is handled by the state-supported college or university the surviving child plans to attend. When applying, the student must make the college or university aware of the fact that he or she is a surviving child of a law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty, and qualified for tuition-free education under Section 68121 of the Education Code known as the Alan Pattee Scholarship Act.

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American Police Hall of Fame and Museum

College Scholarships (\$1,500 per year for four years) are provided to the children of an officer killed in the line of duty. For more information contact:

American Police Hall of Fame and Museum
6350 Horizon Dr.
Titusville, FL 32780
(321) 264-0911
<http://www.aphf.org/about.html>

California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation

Awards scholarships each year to children and spouses of officers killed in the duty within the state of California.

Accredited Trade Schools:	Up to \$2,000
Accredited Two (2) Year College:	Up to \$3,000
Accredited Four (4) Year College:	Up to \$4,000
Accredited Graduate Programs:	Up to \$2,500

For more information, contact:

Michael A. Metoyer, Scholarship Committee Chair
P.O. Box 2437
Fair Oaks, CA. 95628
(916) 443-1797, cpomf@camemorial.org, www.camemorial.org

LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL DEPENDENTS GRANT PROGRAM (LEPD)

This program is administered by the California Student Aid Commission, based on financial need.

Contact:

Student Aid Commission
Office of Special Programs/LEPD Grants
PO Box 419029
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9029
(888) 224-7268 # 3

**Note: This scholarship is extremely difficult to obtain due to the "based on financial need" clause.

NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (FOP)

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This is known as the Steve Young Memorial Scholarship. It was created through a partnership between the U.S. Dept. of Labor and the FOP as a means of assisting spouses of police officers killed in the line of duty between January 1, 2001 and the present, to obtain the skills needed to successfully support themselves and their children after the loss of a spouse.

Award amounts may be reduced by the amount of other awards/benefits that the spouse receives.

For more information, contact:

Elizabeth Nacewicz, Project Director

FOP Legislative Office

309 Massachusetts Ave.

Washington, D.C. 20002

scholarship@fop.net; (202) 547-8187, Fax (202) 549-8190

PEACE OFFICERS RESEARCH ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA (PORAC)

PORAC offers a scholarship program that includes family members of deputies killed in the line of duty (if they were a member). For more information call PORAC at (800) 937-6722 or (916) 921-0660.