



# Chicago Police Officer's Line of Duty Benefits Handbook

Presented by:



**The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation**

**and**





## *C.P.D. Gold Star Families*

Dear Gold Star Family Member,

I never thought I would have to introduce myself as a fellow survivor, a widow, and part of an organization connected with the Chicago Police Department, the Gold Star Families. My husband died on duty in 2003 after 17 years on the job, as a sergeant in the 20<sup>th</sup> district, working nights. In order to honor fallen officers as a group, the Gold Star Families was created with the mission to provide support and strength in remembering each individual life that was taken from us. Meetings for the Gold Star Families are scheduled in March and September, with newsletters sent through mail and email to notify of upcoming events and changes within the organization, [www.cpdgoldstarfamilies.org](http://www.cpdgoldstarfamilies.org)

Sadly, there is a process that others have gone through before us, the tragedy of losing a loved one in the line of duty. There is an overwhelming amount of information involved with benefits available, along with contact sources to assist with filing of documents. It is not only difficult to accept the reality of the situation, but the consequences that follow also.

The creation of a benefits booklet to assist with this process signifies the endurance of others, and may you find comfort in knowing that other families will always keep you in their thoughts and prayers. I have figured out what the difference between grief and mourning is, mourning has company.

Best Regards,

*Bethany O'Reilly*

Bethany O'Reilly  
Chicago Police Department  
Gold Star Families

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**Gold Star Families**  
**Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, 1407 West Washington, Chicago, Illinois 60607**

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(312) 499-8899 [www.cpdmemorial.org](http://www.cpdmemorial.org)



March 6, 2014

“I’m the luckiest man in the world” is a quote best known as being uttered by Lou Gehrig in a farewell speech he made at Yankee Stadium. Even though he knew that his body was being ravaged by the disease that is now named for him; a disease he knew would kill him, Lou Gehrig still felt lucky. I get up every day and say the same thing to myself. We should all feel so lucky.

Recognizing your “good luck” is essential to understanding sacrifice. It’s always a question of whether the glass is half full or half empty. My role as President of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation brings me into regular contact with the families of fallen and catastrophically injured officers. I have always known these officers and their families to be heroes, but, I my role as President of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation has brought me to realize the immeasurable gratitude we owe them. While you might think their sacrifice would make them bitter, I have never heard a single complaint from anyone.

When an officer is killed or catastrophically injured we are all heart broken, but, with few exceptions our lives continue as they had before. Everything changes for the families of the fallen and injured officers. Just imagine the sacrifices your family would have to make if you were in the place of one of our heroes; dreams shattered, love lost, emotional and financial strain that never subsides.

With your help, the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation stands by our heroes and we thank each of you for all that you have done on behalf of the officers and their families.

The Foundation has printed this book of benefits in order that no opportunity to help our police families goes unfulfilled. Our thanks to the Board of the CPMF for their hard work in compiling the list of benefits and to the Chicago Police Patrolmen’s Federal Credit Union for underwriting the cost of producing the book.

Best regards

*Art Hannus*

President  
Chicago Police Memorial Foundation

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The greatest tribute we can pay these hero officers is to take care of their families.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip J. Cline".

Philip J. Cline  
Executive Director  
Chicago Police Memorial Foundation

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## **Important Information from the Special Activities Section of the Chicago Police Department**

The Special Activities Section makes the initial death notification along with the Chaplain and/or the officer's Commander/Commanding Officer. Once the notification has been made, we let the family know that we will be with them through the upcoming days, weeks and months following their loved one's death. On the day after the death, we meet with the family and present them with the format for the Honors Funeral. We inform them that the Honors Funeral consists of an Honor Guard and pallbearers comprised of uniformed police officers. Explain the St. Jude ceremony and inform the family that an Honor Guard will stand at the casket from the beginning of public viewing until the last person has passed.

If the Honors Funeral is acceptable to the family, the Special Activities Section will give the family information on participating funeral homes which provide free standard yet professional funeral service. Any charges beyond the standard service provided by the funeral home are paid for by the family. If the family does not want to use any of the funeral homes listed, Special Activities needs to find a suitable site which is willing to provide services, if not for free then at a minimal cost to the family.

We will take the family to the funeral home and meet with the director and also find out from the family at which church they would like the services to be held and which pastor they would like to perform the service. We will also escort them to whatever cemetery they choose. Once the family has chosen the funeral home, church and cemetery, we visit each site to coordinate dates and times. We also work with the family to put together a memorial/program for the funeral.

During the course of the wake, funeral and burial we are with the family for whatever services they need. We will arrange for pick up of family members from airports.

After the burial takes place, Special Activities begins the process of filing for death benefits from the following agencies:

**Public Safety Benefits Office (PSOB – Federal Government)**

**Law Enforcement Officers and Fireman's Compensation Act** (through Illinois Court of Claims)

**Prudential Life Insurance**

**Met Life Insurance** (optional)

**Finance Committee** (City of Chicago)

**Federal Employee Compensation Act** (benefit would be paid if CPD officer was assigned to Federal Agency at the time of death)

**Illinois Crime Victim Compensation** (this benefit is paid only if Illinois benefit is not applicable)

**100 Club of Cook County**

**Chicago Police Memorial Foundation**

**Illinois Police Association**

**Taser Foundation**



Filing the paperwork for the above mentioned benefits is something that the family could do if they wanted to; we do it as a courtesy because there is so much paperwork involved in submitting to each agency.

Special Activities also makes arrangements to take the surviving member to the Pension Board, Credit Union, FOP, Deferred Compensation in order for the survivor to file for his/her benefits.

Special Activities personnel are on call 24 hours a day to answer the call whenever a police officer is injured or killed in the line of duty. We are immediately notified through Operations Command when an incident occurs and we respond to the scene.

Special Activities can be reached during normal business hours at 312-745-5844 (Monday thru Friday)  
Special Activities also can be reached on our cell phones which can be given out when needed.

## **I. Death and Disability Benefit Payments**

## **A. PSOB Survivor Death Benefits and Disability Benefits**

**Provider: US Department of Justice - BJA - Public Safety Officers Benefits Program**

**Amount:** The amount of the PSOB benefit is approximately \$333,604.68 for eligible deaths occurring on or after October 1, 2013.

**Summary:** A unique partnership 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) Programs provide death benefits to survivors of fallen law enforcement officers and disability benefits to officers catastrophically injured in the line of duty. The PSOB Office at the Bureau of Justice Assistance is honored to review the nearly 700 claims submitted each year on behalf of America's fallen and catastrophically disabled public safety heroes and their loved ones.

The Hometown Heroes' Act expanded the circumstances under which public safety officer deaths resulting from heart attacks and strokes may be covered by the program. The Act established a statutory presumption that public safety officers who die from a heart attack or stroke following a nonroutine stressful or physical activity or training died in the line of duty for benefit purposes. The Act specifically excludes activities that are of a clerical, administrative or nonmanual nature. Consult the Attorney General's Guide to the Hometown Heroes Survivors Act for information regarding filing a Hometown Heroes Act Claim.

**Contact:**

[www.psob.gov](http://www.psob.gov) (888) 744-6513

US DOJ - BJA - Public Safety Officers Benefits Program  
810 7th Street NW, Fourth Floor  
Washington, DC 20531

## **B. Social Security Benefits**

**Provider: United States Social Security Administration**

**Amount:** Varies

**Summary:** One time death benefit payment of \$255.00 plus monthly survivor benefits for spouse, children and dependent parents. Contact local Social Security office to learn eligibility requirements, income tax information and to file a claim.

**Contact:**

[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) (800) 772-1213

United States Social Security Administration  
Contact Local Office: Call (800) 772-1213 or see website

## **C. Illinois State Death Benefit – Illinois Line of Duty Compensation Act**

**Provider:** Illinois Court of Claims, Secretary of State

**Amount:** Approximately \$320,165

**Summary:** Approximately \$320,165.72 award benefit pursuant to the Illinois Line of Duty Compensation Act. Pursuant to Illinois Pension Code, municipalities may provide an allowance not to exceed \$15,000 to officer's beneficiaries. This benefit is adjusted for cost of living on January 1 of each year. The surviving beneficiary of any State or local governmental law enforcement or public safety officer who is killed in the line of duty may, within one year, make a claim to the Illinois Court of Claims for the Survivor Compensation. The benefit is payable to a designated beneficiary, or if none has been designated to survivors in the following order: (1) spouse, (2) children, (3) parents, (4) siblings or children of siblings. If there are no such persons, no compensation is payable. Additionally, a burial benefit of up to a maximum of \$10,000 is payable to the surviving spouse or estate of a law enforcement officer who is killed in the line of duty on or after January 1, 1999. This benefit is only paid when the family pays for the funeral/burial expenses. It is not paid to municipalities as reimbursement for expenses. An Application for benefits and a Statement of Supervising Officer must be filed with the Court of Claims, 630 South College Street, Springfield, IL 62756, within one year of the date of death. Forms for both the application and statement are available from the Court of Claims Administrative Office (877) 411-2570. Documentation accompanying the claim should include the officer's signed Designated Beneficiary form, or if none, proof of the claimant's relationship, such as a marriage certificate or birth certificate.

**Contact:**

[www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/court\\_of\\_claims/home.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/court_of_claims/home.html)

(217)782-7101

Illinois Court of Claims  
630 South College Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62756

## **D. Federal Employee Compensation Act**

**Provider:** U.S. Office of Workers Compensation Programs

**Amount:** Varies

**Summary:** Survivors of local or state law enforcements officers who are killed while arresting a fugitive wanted by, or committing a crime against, the federal government, or by prisoners held on federal charges, may be eligible for federal works comp benefits. The claim must be initiated by the Chicago Police Department.

**Contact:**

[www.dol.gov/owcp/dfec](http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dfec) (866) 692-7487

U.S. Office of Workers Compensation Programs  
Special Claims Office  
P.O. Box 37117  
Washington, DC 20013

### **Details & Applicable Instructions:**

Under certain conditions, benefits may be provided to a non-Federal law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor. Essentially, these benefits are provided if a state or local law enforcement officer is killed while engaged in the apprehension or attempted apprehension of a person who has committed a crime against the United States or who is being sought by a law enforcement authority of the United States. The benefit also is extended to those killed while engaged in the lawful prevention or lawful attempt to prevent the commission of a crime against the United States. Further, the program encompasses those engaged in protecting or guarding a person held for the commission of a crime against the United States or as a material witness.

## **E. Illinois Crime Victim Compensation Program**

**Provider:** Illinois Court of Claims

**Amount:** benefits not to exceed \$27,000

**Summary:** The Crime Victim Compensation Act was established by the Illinois General Assembly in 1973 with the primary goal of helping to reduce the financial burden imposed on victims of violent crime and their families. The Illinois Crime Victim Compensation Program can provide innocent victims and their families with up to \$27,000 in financial assistance for expenses accrued as a result of a violent crime. The Crime Victim Compensation Act states that the Office of the Attorney General has the statutory duty to process all claims by investigating each claim to determine the claimant's eligibility. The Attorney General's office then makes a preliminary recommendation to award or deny compensation. Ultimately, the Court of Claims (a division of the Secretary of State's office) makes the final decision.

**Contact:**

[www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/court\\_of\\_claims/home.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/court_of_claims/home.html)

**Springfield Office:**

630 S. College St.  
Springfield, IL 62756  
Phone: (217) 782-7102  
Hours: Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Chicago Office:**

100 W. Randolph  
Rm 10-400  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Phone: (312) 814-5010  
Hours: Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## **F. Chicago Police Memorial Foundation Line of Duty Death Benefit**

**Provider: Chicago Police Memorial Foundation**

**Amount:** \$60,000

**Summary:** Immediately following a loss of life in the line of duty, the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation presents a check for \$60,000 to the surviving spouse, children or dependent parent(s) to help cover the family's immediate financial needs.

**Contact:**

[www.cpdmemorial.org](http://www.cpdmemorial.org) (312) 499-8899

Chicago Police Memorial Foundation  
1407 West Washington Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60607



## **G. 100 Club of Chicago Death Benefit Payment**

**Provider: 100 Club of Chicago**

**Amount:** \$50,000

**Summary:** The 100 Club of Chicago presents the surviving spouse with a \$15,000 check within 24 to 48 hours following the line of duty death of an officer. Within two to three weeks of the death, a second check for \$35,000 is presented to the surviving spouse.

**Contact:**

[www.100clubchicago.org](http://www.100clubchicago.org) (312) 992-0215

100 Club of Chicago  
135 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1162  
Chicago, IL 60603

## **H. Illinois PB&PA Line of Duty Death Benefit**

**Provider: Illinois Police Benevolent & Protective Association**

**Amount:** \$3,000

**Summary:** For members in good standing, the line of duty death benefit is \$3,000. Claims must be made within 1 year of the member's date of death.

**Contact:**

[www.pbpa.org/pbpa/member-benefits](http://www.pbpa.org/pbpa/member-benefits) (217) 523-5141

Illinois Police Benevolent & Protective Association  
435 West Washington Street  
Springfield, IL 62702

## **I. IPA Line of Duty Death Benefit Payment**

**Provider: Illinois Police Association**

**Amount:** \$5,000.00

**Summary:** IPA provides a \$5,000.00 death benefit for anyone who was an active member and killed in the line of duty.

**Contact:**

[www.ipacops.org](http://www.ipacops.org) (708) 452-8332

Illinois Police Association  
7508 North Avenue  
Elmwood Park, IL 60707

## **J. Chicago Police Sergeants' Association Death Benefit**

**Provider:** Chicago Police Sergeants' Association

**Summary:** The Chicago Police Sergeants' Association offers a \$3,000 death benefit to all active members in good standing.

**Contact:**

[www.chicagosergeants.org](http://www.chicagosergeants.org)

(773) 376-7272

CPSA  
1616 West Pershing Road  
Chicago, IL 60609

## **K. The Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge 7 Line of Duty Death Benefit**

**Provider: Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge 7**

**Summary:** The Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge 7 offers a \$5,000 line of duty death benefit to all members in good standing.

**Contact:**

**Fraternal Order of Police**

**Chicago Lodge 7**

1412 W. Washington Blvd.

Chicago, Illinois 60607-1821

Phone: 312-733-7776

Fax: 312-733-1367

Hotline : 312-733-2101

[www.chicagofop.org](http://www.chicagofop.org)

## **L. Illinois FOP Insurance**

### **Provider: Illinois Fraternal Order of Police**

**Summary:** Illinois FOP provides an accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy for all members with benefits for line of duty deaths. Contact Illinois Fraternal Order of Police to determine all qualifying benefits as circumstances vary.

### **Contact:**

[www.ilfop.org](http://www.ilfop.org)

(217) 726-8880

Fraternal Order of Police  
Illinois State Lodge  
4341 Acer Grove, Suite B  
Springfield, IL 62711

## **M. Prudential Fraternal Order of Police Term Life Coverage and Accident Death and Dismemberment Coverage**

**Provider: Prudential Insurance Company of America**

**Summary:** If an officer is killed within the first year, the Basic Life insurance payment is \$25,000 and the Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit is an additional \$1,000. After the first year, the Basic Life benefit increases to \$75,000 and the Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit increases to \$5,000.

**Contact:**

[rebecca.wanner@prudential.com](mailto:rebecca.wanner@prudential.com)

(800) 778-3827

Prudential Insurance Company of America  
Record Keeping Services  
P.O. Box 13676  
Philadelphia, PA 19176

## **N. National Rifle Association Law Enforcement Officer Felonious Death Benefit**

**Provider: National Rifle Association (NRA)**

**Amount: \$25,000**

**Summary:** If a law enforcement officer is feloniously killed in the 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 the NRA to file a line of duty death benefit claim.

**Contact:**

<http://www.nra.org/benefits.aspx> (800) 672-3888

National Rifle Association (NRA)  
11250 Waples Mill Road  
Fairfax, VA 22030



## **O. The IACP Foundation/Taser Foundation**

**Provider: The IACP Foundation/TASER Foundation**

**Summary:** As the result of a generous gift from the TASER Foundation, the IACP Foundation is proud to provide critical, immediate support to the families of law enforcement officers fallen in the line of duty. An immediate gift of \$5000.00 is available to the beneficiary of the fallen officer through this IACP Foundation/TASER Fallen Officer Fund.

**Contact:**

[www.theiacp.org/foundation](http://www.theiacp.org/foundation)

(703) 647-7367 or 1-800-843-4227

The IACP Foundation  
515 N. Washington Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

## **II. Chicago Police Pension**

## **A. Policeman's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago Pension**

**Provider: Policeman's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago**

**Summary:** Widower's annuity and children's annuities are a monthly award, lifetime for spouses and until age 18 for children. Remarriage does not affect the benefit. Contact the Policeman's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago for specific benefit amounts.

**Contact:**

[www.chipabf.org](http://www.chipabf.org) (312) 744-3891

Policeman's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago  
221 North LaSalle Street  
Suite 1626  
Chicago, Illinois 60601-1203

### **III. Health Insurance**

## **A. Policeman's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago Health Insurance**

### **Provider: Policeman's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago**

**Summary:** Widow(er)s, catastrophically injured officers and children are enrolled by the Policeman's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago and health insurance coverage is continued through the benefits management office. The premium is paid by the City and coverage continues as according to coverage injured/deceased officer had when an active member. Contact the Policeman's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago.

### **Contact:**

[www.chipabf.org](http://www.chipabf.org) (312) 744-3891

Policeman's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago  
221 North LaSalle Street  
Suite 1626  
Chicago, Illinois 60601-1203

## **IV. Education Assistance**

**A. Grades Pre-K through College**

## **1. Chicago Police Memorial Foundation**

**Provider: The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation**

**Summary:** The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation will pay the pre-k through high school tuition of any child of a Chicago Police Officer who was killed or catastrophically injured in the line of duty. The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation will pay the college tuition of any child of a Chicago Police Officer who was catastrophically injured in the line of duty. In addition to tuition assistance, each child is awarded a \$2,500 grant each year through their completion of college (or when the child reaches the age of 23) school to assist with books, uniforms/clothes, after school activities and other educational needs.

**Contact:**

[www.cpdmemorial.org](http://www.cpdmemorial.org) (312) 499-8899

Chicago Police Memorial Foundation  
1407 West Washington Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60607



## **2. PSOB Education Benefits**

**Provider: US DOJ - Public Safety Officers Benefits Program, Public Safety Officers' Educational Assistance Program (PSOEA)**

**Amount:** A maximum of \$987.00 per month of full-time class attendance. (All awards are proportionately less for part-time students.) All PSOEA awards must, by law, be reduced by the amount of other governmental assistance that a student is eligible to receive. Educational assistance is available only after the PSOB death or disability claim process has been completed and benefits have been awarded.

**Summary:** The PSOEA Program provides educational assistance for higher education for the spouses and children of federal, state and local public safety officers who have been killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty. The assistance may be used to defray relevant expenses, including tuition and fees, room and board, books, supplies and other education related costs.

**Contact:**

[www.psob.gov](http://www.psob.gov) (888) 744-6513

US DOJ - Public Safety Officers Benefits Program  
810 7th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20531

### **3. Illinois Student Assistance Commission Grant Program for Dependents of Police and Fire Officers**

**Provider: Illinois Student Assistance Commission**

**Summary:** The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is the financial aid agency in the State of Illinois that administers scholarship, grant and prepaid tuition programs. ISAC has awarded over \$400 million annually in grants and scholarships to students in Illinois. The amount of grant and scholarship money available is dependent on the amount appropriated by the state budget. Beneficiaries are entitled to 8 semesters or 12 quarters of full payment of tuition and mandatory fees at any State-sponsored Illinois institution of higher learning for either full or part-time study, or the equivalent at the rate established by the ISAC for private institutions, provided that the recipient is maintaining satisfactory academic progress. This benefit may be used for undergraduate or graduate study. There is no requirement to demonstrate financial need. Application information for the Grant Program for Dependents of Police and Fire Officers can be found online at <http://www.collegeillinois.org/students/during-college/> or by calling 1-800-899-4722.

**Contact:**

[www.collegeillinois.org/students/during-college](http://www.collegeillinois.org/students/during-college) (800) 899-4722

Illinois Student Assistance Commission  
1755 Lake Cook Road  
Deerfield, Illinois 60015

#### **4. 100 Club of Chicago Educational Assistance**

**Provider: 100 Club of Chicago**

**Summary:** An Educational Assistance Program is available to the spouses and children of fallen police officers. The program is for higher education, including trade and vocational schools, colleges, and universities – - and includes both undergraduate and graduate levels.

Complete details on the “Guidelines for Receiving Educational Assistance” are available by contacting the Manager of Financial & Education Administration at 312-992-0302.

**Contact:**

[www.100clubchicago.org](http://www.100clubchicago.org) (312) 992-0215

100 Club of Chicago  
135 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1162  
Chicago, IL 60603

## 5. C.O.P.S. Scholarship

### **Provider: Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.)**

**Summary:** Provides educational assistance to surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty who **do not** reside in a tuition free state such as Illinois (see ISAC content). However, there are circumstances in which C.O.P.S. would award educational assistance to Illinois survivors, such as children over the age of 25 still pursuing higher education or any surviving spouse or child who is pursuing a course of study not available in Illinois. It is recommended that you contact the C.O.P.S. national office to determine your eligibility.

### **Contact:**

[www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org) (573) 346-4911

Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.)  
P.O. Box 3199  
Camdenton, MO 65020

## **6. Knights of Columbus Scholarship**

**Provider: The Knights of Columbus**

**Summary:** Scholarships are available 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:**

[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) (909) 343-0460

The Knights of Columbus  
P.O. Box 1670  
New Haven, CT 06507-0901

## 7. American Police Hall of Fame

**Provider:** American Federation of Police and Concerned and Concerned Citizens,  
American Police Hall of Fame

**Summary:** The American Police Hall of Fame offers \$1,000.00 per year for a maximum of four years (subject to fund availability) to surviving sons of daughters of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

**Contact:**

<http://www.aphf.org/scholar.pdf>

American Police Hall of Fame  
6350 Horizon Drive  
Titusville, FL 32780

## **8. The Vantagepoint Memorial Scholarship Program**

**Provider: ICMA Retirement Corporation**

**Summary:** The Vantagepoint Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to assist children and/or spouses of deceased public employees who died in the line of duty and who plan to continue education in college or vocational school programs full-time.

**Contact:**

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

(507)931-1682

Vantagepoint Public Employee Memorial  
Scholarship Fund Management Services, CSFA  
1505 Riverview Road  
P.O. Box 297  
St. Peter, MN 56082

## **9. STRIVE Scholarship**

**Provider: Police Officer Defense Fund, Inc.**

**Summary:** Any child of a law enforcement officer from the state of Illinois, whether active duty, retired, or killed in the line of duty, is eligible to submit an application for STRIVE scholarship funds. See website for requirements and application process.

**Contact:**

[www.policeofficerdefensefund.com](http://www.policeofficerdefensefund.com) (414) 282-6720

Police Officer Defense Fund, Inc.  
STRIVE Application  
2515 West Whitaker Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53221



## **10. The Jeanne E. Bray Memorial Scholarship Program**

**Provider:** National Rifle Association

**Summary:** This program offers college scholarships of up to \$1,000 per semester (up to \$2,000 per year for a maximum of four years) to dependent children of any public law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty who was an NRA member at the time of death, and to dependent children of any current or retired law enforcement officers who are living and have current NRA membership.

**Contact:**

Email at [jebrayscholarship@nrahq.org](mailto:jebrayscholarship@nrahq.org) or [selkin@nrahq.org](mailto:selkin@nrahq.org)

1-800-554-9498

## **11. IIT Chicago Police Scholarship Program**

**Provider:** Illinois Institute of Technology

**Summary:** This program offers college scholarships of \$20,000 annually to dependent children of a Chicago Police Officer killed in the line of duty.

**Contact:**

[www.admission.iit.edu](http://www.admission.iit.edu)

1-312-567-3025

## **V. Burial Assistance**

## **A. Dignity Memorial Funeral Benefits**

**Provider: Dignity Memorial Funeral, Cremation, & Cemetery**

**Summary:** Provides dignified and honorable tributes, at no cost, for career and volunteer law enforcement officers who fall in the line of duty. Visit website for list of participating locations.

**Contact:**

[www.dignitymemorial.com](http://www.dignitymemorial.com)      (800) 344-6489

## **B. Catholic Cemetery Burial Assistance**

**Provider: Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Cemeteries**

**Summary:** The Archdiocese of Chicago works to provide financial assistance to line of duty death families when a Catholic grave is desired. The Chicago Police Chaplain acts as a liaison between the family and the Archdiocese in this instance.

**Contact:**

[Dan.brandt@chicagopolice.org](mailto:Dan.brandt@chicagopolice.org) (312) 738-7588

Chicago Police Chaplains Ministry  
1140 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60607

## **C. Committee on Finance Police Line of Duty Death Burial Benefit**

**Provider: Committee on Finance**

**Summary:** The Committee on Finance provides an \$8,000 burial benefit to the families of policemen killed in the line of duty.

**Contact:**

(312) 744-2888

Committee on Finance  
City Hall  
121 North LaSalle Street  
Room 302  
Chicago, IL 60602

## **D. Wilbert's Commemorating First Responders Program**

**Provider: Wilbert Funeral Services, in cooperation with area funeral professionals**

**Summary:** At no charge to the family, Wilbert and Wilbert Licensees will donate a burial vault. If the choice is cremation an urn for memorial tribute. Engraving of the urn is included. If permitted by the cemetery, a graveside service may also be included.

**Contact:**

1-888-WILBERT

Wilbert Funeral Services, Inc.

## **VI. Emotional, Spiritual and Peer Support**



## **A. Pastoral Care and Crisis Ministry**

**Provider: Chicago Police Chaplains Ministry**

**Summary:** Chaplain services are provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Their mission is simple: to provide pastoral care and crisis ministry to members of the Chicago Police Family.

**Contact:**

[Dan.brandt@chicagopolice.org](mailto:Dan.brandt@chicagopolice.org) (312) 738-7588

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1140 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60607

## **B. Counseling Services**

**Provider: Chicago Police Department Professional Counseling Service/Employee Assistance Program**

**Summary:** The Professional Counseling Service/Employee Assistance Program provides counseling and referral services to Department members and their Families. These services are extended to the families of Police Personnel who lost their lives or became catastrophically injured in the performance of their duties and they include twenty-four hour crisis intervention services, grief counseling, hospital visitations, peer support and many other services. All services are free to Department Members and their family members.

**Contact:**

(312) 743-0378

## **C. Gold Star Families**

### **Provider: Gold Star Families**

**Summary:** The Gold Star Families organization was formed in 1984 to meet the needs of the survivors of the Chicago Police Officers that have been killed in the performance of duty. The Gold Star Families are a recognized not-for-profit organization that assists these family members in their time of grief, and continue to be present in the years to follow.

### **Contact:**

[www.cpdgoldstarfamilies.org](http://www.cpdgoldstarfamilies.org)

## **D. C.O.P.S. Peer Support/Counseling/Kids' Groups**

### **Provider: Concerns of Police Survivors**

**Summary:** Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty as determined by Federal criteria. There is no membership fee. C.O.P.S. programs include peer support, counseling, kids' camps, retreats and other assistance programs.

### **Contact:**

[www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org) (573) 346-4911

Concerns of Police Survivors  
P.O. Box 3199  
846 Old South 5  
Camdenton, MO 65020

## **E. Peer Support**

## **1. The Compassionate Friends, Inc.**

**Provider:** The Compassionate Friends, Inc.

**Summary:** A nationwide support group for bereaved parents and siblings. Access website for complete listing of local chapters.

**Contact:**

[www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)

## **2. National Victim Center Peer Support**

**Provider: National Victim Center**

**Summary:** A resource center for all victimization issues.

**Contact:**

[www.ncvc.org](http://www.ncvc.org) (202) 467-8700

National Center for Victims of Crime  
2000 M Street NW, Suite 480  
Washington, DC 20036

### **3. NOVA Peer Support**

**Provider: National Organization for Victim Assistance**

**Summary:** A nationwide clearinghouse for all victimization issues.

**Contact:**

[www.trynova.org](http://www.trynova.org) (703) 535-NOVA

NOVA  
510 King Street  
Suite 424  
Alexandria, VA 22314



## **4. Parents of Murdered Children Peer Support**

### **Provider: Parents of Murdered Children**

**Summary:** POMC is the only national self-help organization designed solely to offer emotional support and information about surviving the loss of a loved one to murder.

### **Contact:**

Chicago Chapter: [www.pomc.com](http://www.pomc.com)

Melvin & Patricia Nichols: 773-660-9659

Maria Ramirez: 773-847-1613

National Office Address:

Parents of Murdered Children  
100 E. 8th Street #B41  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

## **VII. LEGAL AND BANKING ASSISTANCE**

**A. Legal Assistance Provided by Katten Muchin  
Rosenman LLP**

**Provider: Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP**

**Summary:** Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP will provide the surviving family members of Chicago Police officers who have suffered a line of duty death with free, high-quality legal services in the estate planning and taxation areas.

**Contact:**

Jonathan Baum @ [jonathan.baum@kattenlaw.com](mailto:jonathan.baum@kattenlaw.com) 312/902-5479

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP  
525 West Monroe Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60661

[www.kattenlaw.com](http://www.kattenlaw.com) 312/902-5200

## **B. Banking Assistance Provided by Chicago Patrolmen's Federal Credit Union**

**Provider:** Chicago Patrolmen's Federal Credit Union

**Summary:** The Chicago Patrolmen's Federal Credit Union has provided a checklist for family members to use when they have lost an officer who was also a member of the credit union. They stand ready to provide information, answer questions and establish contacts when necessary.

**Contact:**

[www.patrolmensfcu.org](http://www.patrolmensfcu.org) 312/726-8814

Chicago Patrolmen's Federal Credit Union  
1407 West Washington Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60607