

Line-of-Duty Death Benefits for Peace Officers and Firefighters “At a Glance”

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- Local law enforcement and fire agency obligations
 - Agencies are required to provide health care coverage for surviving spouses and children in the event of a line of duty death
 - Coverage must be provided for the surviving spouse until they are eligible for Medicare
 - Coverage must be provided for children until they reach the age of 26
 - The agency must pay 100% of the cost for coverage

- Trust Fund
 - If an agency chooses to participate in the cost sharing agreement by July 1, 2017, they may be reimbursed for the cost of health care coverage from the trust fund beginning the 25th month following the line of duty death for a death that occurred on or after July 1, 2015
 - The agency will be required to sign a cost sharing agreement and pay an annual premium of appx. \$132.00 per member to be covered by the trust fund

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- Local law enforcement and fire agency obligations
 - Agencies are required to provide health care coverage for surviving spouses and children in the event of a line of duty death that occurred between July 1, 2005 and July 1 2015
 - Coverage must be provided for the surviving spouse until they are eligible for Medicare
 - Coverage must be provided for children until they reach the age of 26
 - The agency must pay 100% of the cost for coverage

- Trust Fund
 - Agencies may not be reimbursed from the trust fund for a line of duty death that occurred between July 1, 2005 and July 1, 2015