

# AGENCY AND FAMILY SUPPORT RESOURCES

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The Officer Down Memorial Page, Inc. (ODMP) is proud to offer this free resource to assist agencies and families following a line-of-duty death. This guide compiles vital information from vetted non-profits and organizations that provide support to law enforcement survivors and agencies in their time of need.

This guide is structured to provide clear, actionable steps:

- Immediate Steps After a Line-of-Duty Death
- Survivor Benefits & Mental Health Support
- Scholarships
- Advocacy & Legal Support
- Officer Safety & Training
- How You Can Help

ODMP's mission has always been to honor fallen officers and ensure their legacies are never forgotten. Over the years, we have connected with many organizations dedicated to supporting agencies and survivors, but we know that finding these resources can be overwhelming. That's why we created this guide—to ensure agencies and families never have to navigate this process alone.

We provide this guide entirely free of charge as part of our commitment to supporting the law enforcement community. We hope it becomes a valuable tool during difficult times, ensuring agencies and survivors have the resources they need when they need them most.

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# IMMEDIATE STEPS AFTER A LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH

*The death of a law enforcement officer in the line of duty is a moment of profound loss. In its aftermath, agencies and families are often faced with a series of decisions and responsibilities that must be addressed immediately. This section provides a structured, practical overview of the most critical early steps.*

*ODMP exists to ensure every fallen officer is recognized, remembered, and honored with dignity. We are often the first point of contact after a loss, and our memorialization efforts, notification systems, and long-term support play an essential role in guiding agencies and families through the days that follow.*

## REPORT A FALLEN OFFICER TO ODMP

One of the first steps an agency can take is to formally notify ODMP of a line-of-duty death. ODMP maintains the most comprehensive memorial database of fallen officers in the United States. When a report is submitted, we verify the information and publish an official memorial page to honor the officer's service and sacrifice. This page becomes a permanent record—viewed and shared by law enforcement, families, and supporters across the country.

In addition to the memorial, ODMP activates its Line of Duty Death (LODD) Notification system. These alerts are distributed nationally, helping ensure the officer's name and story are acknowledged across the law enforcement community.

To report a death:

- Visit [ODMP.org](https://odmp.org) and select “Report a Line-of-Duty Death”
- Provide the officer and agency information
- Submissions are reviewed and published promptly, often within hours

To receive notifications:

- Sign up at [ODMP.org/register](https://odmp.org/register)
- Agencies may also request department-specific alerts

## IMMEDIATE STEPS FOR AGENCIES AND FAMILIES

After notifying ODMP, a series of actions must be taken. Some can be addressed quickly, while others unfold over the coming days. Agencies and families may find it helpful to designate a point of contact—someone who can manage communications, interface with support organizations, and provide consistent updates.

Agencies should:

- Identify a department liaison to assist the family
- Notify organizations that provide immediate and ongoing survivor support (including C.O.P.S.)
- Coordinate funeral and memorial planning, including interagency involvement and ceremonial protocol
- Begin collecting documentation related to benefits, insurance, and employment

Families should:

- Identify an agency contact to assist with logistics
- Begin gathering essential paperwork (e.g., ID cards, insurance policies, pension details)
- Review available survivor benefit resources and determine next steps
- Consider assigning a trusted advocate to help manage information, decisions, and communication

For help managing financial accounts, legal paperwork, and other personal matters, additional resources are listed in the Survivor Benefits & Mental Health Support section of this guide.

## MANAGING PERSONAL AFFAIRS AFTER A LOSS

In the days and weeks following a line-of-duty death, families are often faced with a long list of personal, financial, and legal matters to resolve—each of which can feel overwhelming during a time of grief. This includes everything from closing accounts to managing estate issues and navigating paperwork tied to benefits and pensions.

To support families through these challenges, ODMP recommends working with trusted professionals who specialize in guiding survivors through these next steps.

### STEPS AFTER LIFE

*Steps After Life* is a specialized service designed to assist surviving families with the logistics of managing a loved one's affairs after death. The organization provides personalized checklists, one-on-one guidance, and support in addressing a wide range of practical tasks.

**What They Do:** *Steps After Life* helps families manage post-loss responsibilities, including financial accounts, real estate, and subscription closures. ODMP shares this resource with families seeking compassionate, professional help navigating these often overlooked but essential tasks.

### How to Access:

- Website: [www.stepsafterlife.com](http://www.stepsafterlife.com)
- Phone: 888-557-2083

## WHERE TO TURN NEXT

The following sections of this guide are designed to assist with the broader support system available to families and agencies. They include guidance on financial benefits, mental health and counseling services, education support, legal and advocacy resources, and officer safety programs.

ODMP's mission takes us beyond memorializing fallen heroes via our website. We are a national community committed to honoring the fallen, supporting survivors, and ensuring no officer is ever forgotten.

# SURVIVOR BENEFITS & MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

*In the aftermath of a line-of-duty death, survivors often find themselves navigating unfamiliar systems while coping with overwhelming grief. This section provides direct access to organizations offering financial assistance, counseling, peer support, and mental health services—resources that are essential in the days, weeks, and years that follow a loss. These programs represent some of the most trusted and accessible forms of support available to law enforcement families. Each has been selected based on frequent referrals made by ODMP through its survivor outreach and resource efforts.*

## FINANCIAL & SURVIVOR BENEFITS

### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS' BENEFITS (PSOB) PROGRAM

The *Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB)* Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, was established to provide financial support to families of public safety officers who are killed or catastrophically injured in the line of duty. The program delivers a one-time death benefit to eligible survivors, education assistance to spouses and children, and disability benefits for officers who suffer permanent, service-related injuries.

**What They Do:** PSOB provides federally administered financial benefits that often serve as a critical first step for families rebuilding their lives after a loss. ODMP frequently refers families to PSOB early in the support process as a foundational federal benefit.

#### How to Access:

- Website: [www.psob.gov](http://www.psob.gov)
- Phone: 1-888-744-6513

### CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS (C.O.P.S.)

*Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.)* has supported families of fallen law enforcement officers since 1984. With chapters in every U.S. state, C.O.P.S. offers a broad range of services—including grief counseling, peer support, survivor retreats, and scholarships. These programs are tailored to spouses, children, parents, siblings, and coworkers, recognizing the wide scope of those affected by a line-of-duty death. Survivor-led and deeply embedded in the law enforcement community, C.O.P.S. provides a stable and trusted network for those navigating the months and years after a loss.

**What They Do:** C.O.P.S. delivers structured, ongoing peer and counseling support, rooted in shared experience. ODMP consistently highlights C.O.P.S. as one of the most trusted and widely used support systems among law enforcement families.

#### How to Access:

- Website: [www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org](http://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org)
- Phone: 573-346-4911

## MENTAL HEALTH & COUNSELING SERVICES

### WARRIOR'S REST FOUNDATION

*Warrior's Rest Foundation* provides trauma-informed peer support and emotional wellness services to first responders and their families. Founded by law enforcement professionals, the organization offers specialized training for peer support teams, facilitates Post-Critical Incident Seminars (PCIS), and provides ongoing education on resilience, stress recovery, and mental health leadership. Programs are grounded in first-hand experience and delivered by a team of current and retired public safety professionals.

**What They Do:** *Warrior's Rest Foundation* supports both agencies and individuals in building trauma-informed mental wellness programs. *ODMP* shares this resource with departments and families looking for evidence-based approaches to long-term recovery.

**How to Access:**

- Website: [www.warriorsrestfoundation.org](http://www.warriorsrestfoundation.org)
- Phone: 405-285-0544

**FIRST RESPONDERS CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION – RESILIENCY PROGRAM**

*First Responders Children's Foundation* has served the families of public safety personnel for over two decades. Its Resiliency Program offers access to licensed, trauma-informed therapists who work with children and families affected by the unique stresses and grief associated with public safety work. The program provides confidential, no-cost therapy and emotional support to help families manage anxiety, PTSD, depression, and loss. Sessions are available virtually or in person where possible, allowing families across the country to connect with the care they need.

**What They Do:** This program ensures access to licensed mental health professionals with experience in trauma and child psychology. *ODMP* often recommends the Resiliency Program as a direct response to families seeking child- and family-focused support.

**How to Access:**

- Website: [www.istrfc.org/get-mental-health-support](http://www.istrfc.org/get-mental-health-support)
- Phone: 833-327-3633

**AXON AID WELLNESS**

*Axon Aid*, the philanthropic arm of *Axon*, developed its Wellness initiative to provide mental health resources to law enforcement officers and their families. Recognizing the cumulative stress and trauma officers often experience, *Axon Aid Wellness* offers confidential, culturally competent tools designed specifically for public safety professionals. Their video library includes scenario-based guidance, trauma science education, and peer support techniques—all built to strengthen mental resilience and support agency wellness efforts. The program is accessible at no cost and is available to both individuals and departments.

**What They Do:** *Axon Aid Wellness* provides accessible, no-cost digital tools for building emotional resilience in law enforcement.

*ODMP* includes this initiative in its agency resource listings and promotes it as a useful tool for individual officer wellness.

**How to Access:**

- Website: [www.axon.com/aid](http://www.axon.com/aid)

**FIRST RESPONDER THERAPY DOGS**

*First Responder Therapy Dogs* is a national nonprofit organization that provides certified therapy dog visits to public safety agencies. Their mission is to support the emotional wellbeing of first responders by offering a calming, non-clinical presence during and after traumatic events. Available in most states, their volunteer teams respond to critical incidents and provide on-site support for law enforcement, fire, EMS, and dispatch personnel. These visits help reduce stress, improve emotional regulation, and offer immediate comfort in high-pressure environments.

**What They Do:** Therapy dog teams deliver emotional comfort following incidents that impact first responders. *ODMP* features this unique resource as a helpful option for agencies managing stress within their ranks.

**How to Access:**

- Website: [www.firstrespondertherapydogs.org](http://www.firstrespondertherapydogs.org)

**CHARITY & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES**

**AXON AID – FALLEN OFFICER FUND**

The *Fallen Officer Fund* is part of *Axon Aid*'s broader support initiative for the law enforcement community. The fund provides direct financial assistance to families of officers killed in the line of duty, helping with funeral costs, emergency expenses, and other immediate needs. Support is delivered quickly, and in some cases, *Axon* employees contribute through internal fundraising efforts. The program is designed to ensure families receive timely help without unnecessary barriers during one of the most difficult periods of their lives.

**What They Do:** The *Fallen Officer Fund* offers fast-response financial relief to newly bereaved law enforcement families. *ODMP* recommends this fund as part of its initial set of support options following notification of a line-of-duty death.

**How to Access:**

- Website: [www.axon.com/aid](http://www.axon.com/aid)

# SCHOLARSHIPS

*Following a line-of-duty death, many families face the added burden of planning for educational futures under unexpected financial stress. Scholarships offered specifically for surviving children and spouses can ease this pressure and open doors to new opportunities. The following programs are well-established, trusted resources that ODMP frequently includes in its outreach to families. Each organization offers unique support, eligibility guidance, and dedicated assistance in navigating the application process.*

## **CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS (C.O.P.S.) – SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

*Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) provides ongoing support to the families of fallen officers, including access to post-secondary educational assistance. The organization has awarded scholarships for decades and offers a structured, survivor-led review process that ensures families receive fair and thoughtful consideration. Scholarships are available to surviving spouses and children, and may be renewed for multiple years of study at accredited institutions.*

**What They Do:** The C.O.P.S. Scholarship Program funds undergraduate, graduate, and vocational education for survivors, covering tuition, books, and related expenses. ODMP regularly shares this scholarship opportunity as part of its follow-up support, especially for families with college-bound children or spouses pursuing retraining.

### **How to Access:**

- Website: [www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/scholarships](http://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/scholarships)
- Phone: 573-346-4911

## **FIRST RESPONDERS CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION – GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

*First Responders Children's Foundation has served the families of first responders for more than twenty years, offering long-term educational and emotional support. Its flagship*

*scholarship program is open to children of first responders who have died or become permanently disabled in the line of duty. In addition to financial assistance, the foundation offers leadership programming and career readiness support to help scholars thrive.*

**What They Do:** The General Scholarship Program provides renewable funding for college students based on academic performance, leadership, and financial need. ODMP includes this program in its survivor outreach and recommends it as part of a well-rounded set of scholarship options.

### **How to Access:**

- Website: [www.istrcf.org/scholarship](http://www.istrcf.org/scholarship)
- Phone: 646-822-4236

## **GRATITUDE INITIATIVE – COLLEGE SUCCESS ACADEMY**

*Gratitude Initiative is a national nonprofit dedicated to helping the children of military and law enforcement personnel succeed in college and beyond. Its College Success Academy provides long-term, personalized support through each stage of the academic journey—from high school course planning to college applications and career readiness. The program is delivered virtually and includes expert-led guidance for students and their families.*

**What They Do:** The College Success Academy offers comprehensive college and career planning services, including test prep, application guidance, and mentorship. ODMP includes this resource for families looking for structured academic support throughout high school and the college admissions process.

### **How to Access:**

- Website: [www.gratitudeinitiative.org/apply](http://www.gratitudeinitiative.org/apply)



# ADVOCACY & LEGAL SUPPORT

*Following a line-of-duty death, families often face difficult legal, political, or bureaucratic challenges. These may include navigating parole hearings, securing long-term housing stability, or accessing survivor programs funded through public or charitable efforts. The organizations below provide direct advocacy, legal assistance, and nationwide awareness campaigns to support law enforcement families and honor the memory of the fallen. ODMP connects families and departments with these efforts to ensure their voices are heard and their rights protected.*

## **ODMP – NO PAROLE FOR COP KILLERS**

As part of its public advocacy work, ODMP leads the national *No Parole for Cop Killers* campaign, which empowers survivors and supporters to speak out against the early release of individuals convicted of murdering law enforcement officers. The campaign maintains a growing registry of parole cases and mobilizes the law enforcement community to submit letters and statements in opposition.

**What They Do:** ODMP provides pre-written parole protest letters, email alerts, and public-facing tools that allow citizens to take action. The campaign ensures survivors are notified of upcoming hearings and helps amplify their voices during the parole process.

### **How to Access:**

- Website: [www.ODMP.org/noparole](http://www.ODMP.org/noparole)

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITED (LEU)**

*Law Enforcement United (LEU)* is a volunteer-run nonprofit organization comprised of law enforcement officers, survivors, and supporters who raise awareness and funding

for line-of-duty death causes. Each year, LEU organizes memorial rides and events that honor fallen officers and directly support programs benefiting surviving families.

**What They Do:** LEU hosts multi-day memorial rides such as the Road to Hope, raising funds for organizations like C.O.P.S. and expanding public awareness about the impact of officer loss. ODMP recognizes LEU as a major grassroots force in the survivor support community and encourages participation from riders and donors alike.

### **How to Access:**

- Website: [www.lawenforcementunited.org](http://www.lawenforcementunited.org)

## **TUNNELS TO TOWERS – FALLEN FIRST RESPONDER HOME PROGRAM**

The *Tunnels to Towers Foundation* honors the sacrifice of first responders and military service members by supporting the families they leave behind. Through its *Fallen First Responder Home Program*, the foundation pays off mortgages for surviving families of officers killed in the line of duty, with a particular focus on those with young children or 9/11-related health conditions.

**What They Do:** *Tunnels to Towers* removes the financial burden of housing by providing mortgage-free homes to eligible survivors. ODMP includes this program as a resource for families in need of immediate, life-stabilizing support after the death of an officer.

### **How to Access:**

- Website: [www.t2t.org](http://www.t2t.org)

# OFFICER SAFETY & TRAINING

*ODMP honors fallen officers by working to prevent future line-of-duty deaths. The organizations listed below focus on increasing officer safety and wellness through training, resources, and access to critical equipment. These programs are highlighted by ODMP for their practical impact on preventing tragedies in the field.*

## **BELOW 100**

Founded in 2010 by a group of veteran law enforcement professionals, *Below 100* is a national initiative committed to changing the culture of officer safety. The name reflects a bold and measurable goal: reduce annual line-of-duty deaths in the United States to fewer than 100. Through engaging, real-world training and department-level policy change, *Below 100* equips agencies to make intentional, safety-first decisions at every level of service. Its approach is grounded in humility, accountability, and tactical realism.

**What They Do:** *Below 100* delivers in-person and online training modules focused on tactical decision-making, situational awareness, and risk avoidance. ODMP recommends this program as a trusted and proactive resource for agencies seeking to prevent avoidable tragedies.

### **How to Access:**

- Website: [www.below100.org](http://www.below100.org)

## **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE (IACP) – OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS RESOURCES**

The *International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)* is the world's most established law enforcement leadership organization, serving tens of thousands of members globally. Within its broad reach, the IACP's *Officer Safety and Wellness* initiative offers tools, data, and support programs designed to strengthen the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of officers. From small-town departments to large metropolitan agencies, IACP resources are designed to be scalable, actionable, and effective.

**What They Do:** The IACP provides downloadable toolkits, wellness guides, and technical assistance to help departments embed safety and resilience into their organizational culture. ODMP frequently refers agencies to these resources when building or refining wellness and safety frameworks.

### **How to Access:**

- Website: [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org)

## **ST. MICHAEL'S SHIELD PROJECT – VEST FOR LIFE**

*Vest for Life* is an outreach project of the *St. Michael's Shield Foundation*, created to help officers across the United States obtain the life-saving body armor they need. The organization collects used, serviceable ballistic vests from departments and individual donors, then distributes them to officers whose agencies cannot afford to issue adequate protective gear. Their mission is simple but vital: ensure that no officer goes without a vest.

**What They Do:** *Vest for Life* provides donated ballistic vests to officers in need, free of charge. ODMP often shares this resource with underfunded departments seeking to protect their personnel without delay.

### **How to Access:**

- Website: [www.vestforlife.com](http://www.vestforlife.com)

## **BRADY'S K9 FUND**

Founded by 8-year-old Brady Snakovsky in 2018, *Brady's K9 Fund* began as a one-boy mission to provide protective gear for police dogs and has since grown into a national nonprofit supporting K9 units across the country. Recognizing that police dogs face the same dangers as their handlers, Brady's organization provides custom ballistic vests to ensure their safety during critical operations. The fund is sustained through community support and partnerships with law enforcement agencies nationwide.

**What They Do:** *Brady's K9 Fund* donates ballistic vests to active-duty police dogs, providing critical protection in high-risk scenarios. *ODMP* proudly includes this resource in its outreach to K9 handlers and departments seeking to enhance officer safety across their units.

**How to Access:**

- Website: [www.bradysk9fund.com](http://www.bradysk9fund.com)

**STANTON FOUNDATION – FALLEN K9 REPLACEMENT GRANTS**

*The Stanton Foundation* is a private philanthropic organization that supports law enforcement initiatives, particularly those involving police K9s. Its *Fallen K9 Replacement Grant* program

helps agencies quickly replace a K9 lost in the line of duty by funding the cost of acquiring and equipping a new dog. This support helps agencies maintain operational continuity while honoring the service and sacrifice of the fallen animal.

**What They Do:** *The Stanton Foundation* provides full funding for the replacement of police dogs killed in the line of duty, covering training, equipment, and acquisition costs. *ODMP* highlights this program as part of its support for agencies recovering from K9 losses.

**How to Access:**

- Website: [www.thestantonfoundation.org](http://www.thestantonfoundation.org)

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

*ODMP is proud to provide this guide—and all of our services—free of charge to the agencies, officers, families, and communities we serve. Our mission to honor fallen officers and support those left behind is made possible through the generosity of individuals and organizations who believe in that work. If you've found this resource valuable, or want to ensure that ODMP can continue to provide support during times of greatest need, here are a few ways you can help.*

## JOIN THE FRONT LINE CLUB

An annual donation of \$20 for each member of your team/department/agency makes you part of a dedicated community of supporters who stand behind ODMP's work year-round. Members receive a commemorative challenge coin, certificate of support, and ongoing updates on the impact of their contributions.



[ODMP.org/donate/front-line-club](https://odmp.org/donate/front-line-club)

## PARTICIPATE IN ODMP EVENTS

Whether you're running in memory of a fallen officer or riding to raise awareness, your participation in ODMP events helps fund our mission and bring national attention to the heroes we honor.

- **National Police Week 5K:**
- **HalfWay 2.5K**
- **Officer Down Memorial Ride**

## SHOP THE ODMP STORE

Proceeds from every purchase directly support *ODMP* programs, including memorial page maintenance, outreach to survivors, and free public resources like this one.



[store.ODMP.org](https://store.ODMP.org)

## MAKE A DONATION

Every contribution—large or small—helps us continue our mission of remembrance, education, and support. One-time and recurring gifts can be made securely online.



[ODMP.org/donate](https://ODMP.org/donate)

## BECOME A SPONSOR

Organizations and companies committed to public safety can support *ODMP* through sponsorship opportunities that make a lasting impact. To learn more, contact us directly at [information@odmp.org](mailto:information@odmp.org).

## ABOUT THE OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE

The Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring the lives and sacrifices of America's fallen law enforcement officers. With more than 26,000 officers lost in the line of duty since 1776, *ODMP* preserves their legacies by providing a meaningful platform for families, fellow officers, and the public to remember and pay tribute.



Please visit [www.ODMP.org](http://www.ODMP.org)

## SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*ODMP* thanks *Axon* for their generous support in making this free resource available to agencies and families. *Axon's* commitment to honoring fallen officers helps ensure that vital information, benefits, and advocacy resources remain accessible to those who need them most.



For more information about Axon's initiatives, visit:  
[www.axon.com/aid](http://www.axon.com/aid)



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