

# CANCER AS A LINE OF DUTY DEATH

| PROVIDER                         | BENEFIT   |
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| AGENCY                           | Dependent on municipal code or decision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May include funeral or memorial service costs</li> <li>• Needed to complete Illinois Line of Duty Compensation Act*</li> <li>• Needed to complete PSOB Part B*</li> <li>• Needed for Workers Compensation determination*</li> </ul>  |
| LOCAL                            | Dependent on bylaws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May include funeral or memorial service costs</li> </ul>   |
| AFFI                             | Honor Guard Activation for a duty related death <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When an active member dies from an occupational disease (found in Article 4 Sec. 4-110.1 of the Illinois Constitution)</li> <li>• When a retired member, who has been granted an occupational disease disability or a duty disability and passes within 12 months from injury or illness directly related to the granted occupational or duty disability.</li> </ul>   |
| ILLINOIS FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION | Funeral Team Activation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only activated if requested by Chief</li> </ul>  |
| STATE FIRE MARSHAL               | Serves as consult to Governor's Office on official Line of Duty designation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designation determines official recognition from State via flag lowering, proclamation. The state of Illinois does not currently consider an occupational/duty related death to be a Line of Duty Death.</li> </ul>  |
| 100 CLUB OF ILLINOIS             | Consultation on available benefits and how to apply<br>Mental health resources for both agency and surviving family members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding available for mental health costs not covered by agency or insurance</li> </ul> Access to immediate funds for family for funeral or memorial service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to \$5000</li> </ul> Assistance with applying for potential benefits with State of Illinois or Federal agencies   |
| STATE OF ILLINOIS                | Illinois Occupational Disease Disability Pension <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Article 4 Sec. 4-110.1 of the Illinois Pension Code</a></li> <li>• Must have 5 years of creditable service as firefighter in Article 4</li> </ul> Illinois Line of Duty Compensation Act (820 ILCS 315)* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application on Illinois Secretary of State Website</li> <li>• Must apply within a year of death</li> <li>• Requires information from both agency and surviving family</li> <li>• This has not typically been granted. Advocates are working to include cancer.</li> </ul> Illinois Workers' Compensation Act* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines</li> <li>• Recommend that surviving family work with a Workers Compensation Legal team</li> <li>• Potential burial benefit</li> </ul> |

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| DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | <p>Public Safety Officers Benefit Program (PSOB)*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Online application</a></li> <li>• Please reach out to <a href="mailto:cbrennan@100clubil.org">cbrennan@100clubil.org</a> to get more information about this benefit and how to file. We have created the Illinois First Responder Cancer Task Force to gather hero names and start filing retroactive paperwork.</li> <li>• Requires information and separate applications from both agency and surviving family</li> <li>• The Honoring Our Fallen Heroes Act of 2025 opened federal benefits to families who lose a loved one to cancer:</li> <li>• The legislation is retroactive for deaths that occurred since January 1, 2020 . There is a provision allowing applications to be submitted within 3 years of the legislation's enactment, which is December 18, 2028. The standard 3-year period from the date of death applies after this (or 1 year after receipt or denial of another benefit).</li> <li>• The public safety officer must have begun serving as a public safety officer no fewer than 5 years before the date of the diagnosis of the public safety officer with an exposure-related cancer.</li> <li>• The public safety officer was diagnosed with the exposure-related cancer not more than 15 years after the public safety officer's last date of active service as a public safety officer.</li> </ul> |
| NFFF                  | <p>Resources and SOPs on funeral and memorial services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact National LAST team members Jim Klinefelter or Caitlyn Brennan for available resources</li> </ul>   |
| IAFF                  | <p>Recognition on memorial wall in Colorado Springs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local officers can request a member's name be added by contacting their AFFI DVP and IAFF DVP. You will need to complete a form on the IAFF website (<a href="http://iaff.org">iaff.org</a>)</li> <li>• Eligible for the IAFF Martin E. Pierce Medal of Valor</li> <li>• Presumptive Disability Law in Illinois: <a href="https://www.iaff.org/presumptive-health/il/">https://www.iaff.org/presumptive-health/il/</a></li> </ul>   |