



COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

DEATH BENEFITS

To obtain certified copies of registered personal documents, contact the Department of Health, P. O. Box 9342, San Juan, PR 00908, phone (809) 728-7980.

STATE DEATH BENEFITS

A **\$3,000** Funeral and Burial Benefit is paid by the **Asociacion de Miembros de la Policia de Puerto Rico**.

A **\$1,500** benefit will be paid by **La Asociacion de Empleados del E.L.A.**

STATE PENSION BENEFITS

Pension benefits differ between departments. The beneficiary would be the **legitimate spouse at the moment of death**.

EDUCATION BENEFITS

Children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty are eligible to receive some educational benefits.

Elementary Level

They receive the amount of **\$125 per school year**.

Intermediary Level

They receive the amount of **\$255 per school year**.

High School Level

They receive the amount of **\$272 per school year**.

University Level

They receive the amount of **\$571 per school year**.



HEALTH BENEFITS

The wife and children of police officer who have been killed in the line of duty will receive medical attention at the **Municipal Hospital free of charge**.

The police officers have a health insurance policy available to them, but they **must pay** for the premiums.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Workers' Compensation coverage is compulsory for employers in Puerto Rico.

Benefit is **50%** of the employee's wage **for a spouse** or **85%** of the employee's wage for a **spouse with child(ren)**, with a **minimum weekly benefit of \$75 and a maximum weekly benefit of \$160** (benefits are paid monthly, however, not weekly). As an advance, widows receive a sum of **\$500**. Spouse benefits cease upon **remarriage**.

Children receive benefits until **age 18 or beyond age 18 if disabled, or until age 25 if full-time students**.

The maximum burial allowance is **\$1,000**.

To apply for your benefits contact the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico Police Department, P.O. Box 70166, San Juan, PR 00936- 8166, (809) 793-1234.

PERSONAL LIFE POLICIES

Descent and Distribution: Order of succession. - In default of testamentary provisions the estate passes to the following in the order named: **(1)** direct descendants; **(2)** ascendant; **(3)** brothers and sisters or their children; **(4)** surviving spouse; **(5)** collaterals up to 6th degree; **(6)** University of Puerto Rico.

Surviving spouse is **forced heir** with regard to life usufruct assigned by law. Right to inherit barred by abandonment of children, prostitution of daughters, conviction for attempting against life of deceased, failure to report latter's death, etc.



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PEER SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

Established in 1984, **Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc., (COPS)**, 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 in the line of duty. COPS has become a “lifeline” to police survivors nationwide. **Contact the COPS National Office or visit www.nationalcops.org/chap.htm for information on a chapter in your area.**

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

Additional agencies providing benefits include **Sistema de Retiro, and the Asociacion de Empleados del E.L.A.** (commonwealth of Puerto Rico).

An I.D. card is available to the families of police officers killed in the line of duty so they can **buy items at the military stores.**

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