



## STATE OF WYOMING

### DEATH BENEFITS

To obtain certified copies of registered personal documents, contact the Vital Records Service, Hathaway Building, Cheyenne, WY 82002, phone (307) 777-7591.

#### STATE DEATH BENEFITS

One-time state **death benefits** are referenced in the **retirement statutes**.

#### STATE PENSION BENEFITS

**15-5-309. Death benefits; surviving spouse and children; amounts; length of payments.**

Upon the death from **any cause** of any person appointed or selected and sworn as a member in any capacity or rank of the police department of **any city or town** subject to the provisions of this article, the board shall pay a **monthly pension of fifty percent (50%)** of the deceased officer's monthly salary out of the funds to his surviving spouse. The pension shall continue during her life or until (s)he **remarries**. In addition, the board shall pay to the surviving spouse out of the fund six percent (**6%**) of the deceased officer's monthly salary per month for the support and maintenance of **each child** of the deceased officer who is under eighteen (18) years of age and was supported by him prior to his death. The payments shall continue until the child becomes **eighteen (18) years of age or marries**.

For additional information concerning your specific situation, contact the Wyoming Retirement System, Herschler Building 1 East, 122 West 25th Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002.

#### EDUCATION BENEFITS

None available.

#### HEALTH BENEFITS

**Health plans vary** depending on the department that the officer was an employee of. Most state employees receive health coverages through the Wyoming State Employees & Officials Group Insurance Plan.

#### WORKERS' COMPENSATION



Workers' Compensation coverage is compulsory for all Wyoming employers engaged in extra hazardous occupations and elective for all other occupations.

The **maximum weekly benefit is \$275** (66 2/3% of the State's Average Monthly Wage) for a **maximum period of 231 weeks**. Court **may continue** payment beyond 231 weeks at **33 1/3%** of the State's Average Monthly Wage. Children receive benefits **until age 19** or beyond if disabled, not to exceed age 21. Maximum burial allowance is **\$1,800** unless other arrangements exist between employer and employee under agreement.

To receive workers' compensation benefits the surviving spouse must **take the initiative** and file a workers' compensation claim through a **workers' compensation attorney** to receive any compensation. The determination as to whether the claim will be paid will be determined by the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.

**Contact the Division of Workers' Compensation, State Department of Employment, Herschler Building, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002, telephone (307) 777-7441.**

## PERSONAL LIFE POLICIES

**Descent and Distribution:** All property of intestate shall descend and be distributed in parcerary to intestate's kindred, male and female, subject to payment of debts, as follows:

- (1) if intestate leaves husband or wife and children, or descendants of children surviving, then one-half to surviving husband or wife, and residue to surviving children or descendants of children;
- (2) if descendant leaves husband or wife and no child nor descendants of child, then all to surviving husband or wife;
- (3) if intestate leaves no husband or wife, then to intestate's children surviving, and descendants of his children who are dead, descendants collectively taking share which their parents would have taken if living;
- (4) if intestate leaves no husband or wife, nor any child or descendants of any child, then to intestate's father, mother, brothers, sisters, and to descendants of brothers and sisters who are dead, descendants collectively taking share which their parents would have taken if living, in equal parts; and
- (5) if intestate leaves none of above, then to intestate's grandfather, grandmother, uncles, aunts and their descendants, descendants taking collectively, share of their immediate ancestors, in equal parts.



## PEER SUPPORT

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](http://www.nationalcops.org/chap.htm) for information on a chapter in your area.**

## ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

Wyoming has a program to help if you or a family member is a **victim of violent crime**. Out-of-pocket expenses may be reimbursed after deducting amounts received or available from other sources such as insurance.

**\*Maximum award up to \$10,000**

**\*Minimum loss must be \$100**

**\*Emergency awards up to \$1,000**

To apply you must file a claim application. **To obtain a form or more information, contact the Wyoming Crime Victims Compensation Commission, Office of the Attorney General Capitol Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002; (307) 777-5990. (You may call collect.)**