

Advocates for families of law enforcement officers slain in the line of duty.

The things
we treasure,
we do not leave
unprotected.



At all levels, law enforcement agencies across America are protecting our values, beliefs and traditions. There are over 900,000 law enforcement officers defending these American rights. This country depends on the bravery and commitment of these valued men and women to protect our communities, our businesses, and our lives.

An officer's day is filled with danger and any given moment could prove fatal. Sobering statistics cite that a police officer is killed in the line of duty approximately every 53 hours. Unfortunately, these numbers have been climbing in recent years. We gain strength by the self-sacrificing deeds and actions of these officers. At the expense of their lives, they protect ours.

The Badge of Honor Memorial Foundation helps those families who, as a result of a law enforcement officer's death, are enduring personal hardship. The Foundation acts as a watchdog organization for widows, widowers and children of these fallen police officers, assuring they receive all benefits due to them. The Foundation helps prepare departments and police organizations nationwide to cope with an officer down.



# THE FOUNDATION BOARD

Large police departments have numerous policies and procedures that are put into place when an officer is killed. However, it is not well known that the overwhelming majority of officers who die are in cities or counties of populations of less than 10,000. Many of these departments are not prepared to act, as many of them have never lost an officer.

The Board of Trustees is made of senior officers from various police, sheriff's and state police departments nationwide who are knowledgeable in pension and disability benefits and are either on their respective police, city, or county pension boards and/or hold leadership roles within their police associations or unions.

The trustees have territorial roles for the Foundation that utilize their relationships within the police community to identify officers killed in their region. All legal efforts and activities are supervised by the Board and the Foundation's general counsel, who assist the families in document completion. In the purest sense, it is: "cops helping cops."

# RESOURCES

- The Casualty Assistance Guide a guide for departments to use primarily for line of duty deaths, as well as non-line of duty, retired officer deaths and deaths due to suicide. As many departments have never lost an officer, this guide covers topics ranging from communication with the family to funeral protocol.
- The Family Planning Guide an estate planning tool that allows an officer to provide his or her family with instructions for the surviving spouse and family members. This guide will also allow the officer to identify and locate family assets
- State Benefit Advisory Committee which answers questions having to do with their respective State Death Benefits
- Timely articles and news releases available for use by departments and law enforcement organizations
- Training for departments and law enforcement organizations on the importance of estate planning
- Access to qualified legal representation, free of charge, if requested to assist with appeal of a denied line of duty death claim



#### OUR MISSION

The mission of the Badge of Honor Memorial Foundation (BOHMF) is to be a resource and to provide the families of officers slain in the line of duty the assistance necessary to assure that all federal, state and local benefits are received. In the event a claim is denied, BOHMF will provide qualified legal representation to appeal a negative decision, if necessary and requested, at no cost to the family. BOHMF will also assist the slain officer's department, as requested, with a list of resources and protocols to help them help the family.



# THE BADGE OF HONOR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION PROVIDES:

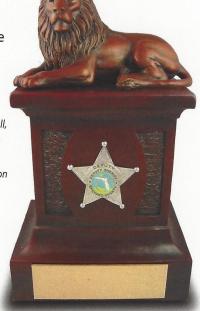
- ★ Assistance and education for police departments and organizations everywhere
- ★ Assistance to families with benefits applications (document) preparation
- ★ Pro bono legal representation associated with the processes
- ★ Oversight of the processes and procedures necessary for families to obtain their entitlements
- ★ Assistance to identify educational scholarships and other available benefits for those not provided by their own state or local government agencies
- ★ A memorial statue commemorating their loved one's bravery

# MEMORIAL STATUES

As we assure that the procedures are put into place for the family to receive funds due them and to commend the lives they selflessly exchanged for ours, the Foundation has created a museum quality, bronze statue

that is presented to the family of their fallen hero. Each one is individually cast and personalized with the officer's shield.

Entitled "Watchful Gaze," the statue is a lion resting on a wall, paralleling an officer standing watch. Created by renowned sculpture, Deran Wright, the lion signifies strength, honor, and valor - exemplary traits symbolizing the brotherhood of police.



Please join us in our efforts to further this honorable cause and to commend the officers who have given their lives for us. Your tax deductible contribution to our Foundation will support our services to the families in need.

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"We were saddened when we discovered that many of the families who had lost a loved one in the line of duty never received the statutory benefits due them, primarily because neither the family nor the agency were fully aware of the benefits available for the surviving families. The Badge of Honor Memorial Foundation was created to ensure that families who have suffered the ultimate sacrifice will not 'go without' and will be protected from 'falling between the cracks.'"

John Keane
Executive Director
Jacksonville Fire & Police Retirement Fund

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