



WHAT DO I DO AFTER A LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH?

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When a firefighter falls in the line of duty, it is a jarring experience for their colleagues and the families they leave behind. The California Fire Foundation understands the complex emotions and stressors that follow such a tragedy and is a resource that you can call on in the immediate aftermath.



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LODD Initial Check List: Compiled by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, this check list helps determine what needs to be done immediately, before and during the funeral, and longer term.

Request LODD Notification (via our email, website and social channels)

- An email will be sent to California Professional Firefighters' (CPF) 30,000+ members, with a similar notification posted across our social media channels and website.
- Please include a photo and bio of your fallen firefighter that we can share, as well as Memorial Service details, if/once available. Submit Your Request Here

California Firefighters Benevolent Fund

- Upon a LODD determination, CFF provides a financial benefit -- up to \$5,000 -- directly to the fallen firefighter's designated beneficiary. Complete and submit a claim for immediate support.



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LODD Memorial Service Resources

Engage Cal-LAST Team

- Providing rapid-response support for fire departments and local firefighter associations, offering Level 1 Traumatic or Presumptive LODD assistance -- everything from planning a memorial service to family grief counseling, and more. [Contact us.](#)

LODD Funeral Guide & Funeral Programs - A compilation of policies, procedures, and suggestions to follow to help you through this trying time -- [download guide](#). CFF would be honored to cover the cost of funeral programs for your fallen firefighter's upcoming Memorial Service. [Submit your request](#) and we'll put you in touch with [Firefighters Print & Design](#) to arrange.

[Pipes & Drums of the California Professional Firefighters](#)

- The California Fire Foundation is proud to offer the Pipes & Drums to perform at your fallen firefighter's LODD Memorial Service. [Submit your request here](#) or call 800.890.3213.

Survivor Financial Benefits

Workers' Compensation Death Benefits - In the case of a LODD, the surviving spouse and/or fallen firefighter's dependents may be eligible to receive a one-time burial benefit, as well as death benefits paid as allowance installments. Statutes of limitations exist for filing a benefits claim -- [submit claim forms today](#).

Public Safety Officers Benefit (PSOB) - Survivors of firefighters who die in the line of duty are eligible for a one-time cash payment. Unlike state workers' compensation death benefits, **with limited exceptions**, PSOB generally *does not* cover occupational deaths resulting from presumptive illnesses. A statute of limitations exists for filing a claim -- [submit claim forms today](#). For fallen IAFF members, assistance is available to help survivors navigate the PSOB claims process. [Contact the IAFF](#) to be connected with their PSOB Coordinator.



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California Firefighters Memorial (Capitol Park, Sacramento). *For a surviving spouse whose loved one's name is being added to the wall and plans to attend the Memorial Ceremony, the Foundation provides funding to offset your travel/lodging expenses.* What you need to do:

- **Gather Required LODD Documentation** – A letter from the Fire Chief ([view/download template letter](#)) stating the death was job-related or proof of workers' compensation (or other documentation) showing that the death was occupationally-related.
- **Complete & Submit Wall Application** – [Download Application](#) | [Submit Completed Application and Documentation](#)

National Fallen Firefighters Memorial (Emmitsburg, MD): Required documentation for deaths in the previous year must be received by January 31st in order to be considered for inclusion in the current year's ceremony. Learn more [here](#) or call (301) 447-1365.

Family Resource Guide: The Foundation produces a comprehensive guide detailing benefits that surviving families may be entitled to after a presumptive or traumatic LODD, including, but not limited to -

- The Foundation's [Daniel A. Terry Scholarship](#) for children of fallen firefighters
- Free tuition for surviving children and spouses at UC, CSU and the state's Community Colleges under the [Alan Pattee Scholarship Act](#)
- Healthcare for eligible survivors/dependents
- State workers' compensation and federal PSOB death benefits

[Download the guide here](#) or we are happy to mail you a hard copy [upon request](#).

Firefighter Specialty License Plate: Surviving family members of deceased firefighters are now able to purchase California firefighter license plates.

- Eligible survivors include: current spouse, domestic partner, natural-born or adopted children and stepchildren.
- *The California Fire Foundation pays first-year fees associated with purchase of a sequential license plate for the spouses of firefighters who died in the line of duty.* [Order Your Plate Online](#)