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A variety of benefits are payable to police officers or their survivors when misfortune strikes. Until now, however, there has not been one comprehensive source available as a guide to these benefits. Accordingly, I have had a summary prepared which briefly describes benefits, circumstances under which they are payable, and agencies to be contacted should the need arise.

The summary is printed on the reverse of this PAX 501. It is suggested that officers keep this with other important papers.

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Various benefits are payable to police officers or their survivors when an officer is killed or becomes disabled. The purpose of this factsheet is to summarize these benefits, and to serve as a guide for securing additional information from the agencies which administer these benefits.

KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

The City of Chicago will continue the officer's salary for one year from the date of death. A trust fund will be established to make funds available, based on need, beginning one year after the death. Maximum amounts which may be paid from this trust fund are:

Widow	\$7500
Children	2500 each (up to 3 children)
Dependent Parents	6000

The City will also continue to provide paid group medical and hospital insurance coverage for the family of the deceased officer. Coverage will continue for the widow until her death or remarriage, and for dependent children until marriage or age 25.

The Chicago Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund (Pension Fund) will pay a lump sum death benefit of \$6000 to the beneficiary of the police officer. An annuity (that is, periodic payments until the widow's death or remarriage) equal to 75% of the officer's civil service salary will be paid to the widow. Each child will receive an amount equal to 10% of a first-class patrolman's salary. The maximum family annuity payable as the result of an officer's death will be the total civil service salary of the officer.

The State of Illinois will pay \$10,000 to the beneficiary of a police officer killed in the line of duty.* The Illinois Scholarship Commission will provide scholarships for the children of slain officers.

Salary, overtime, furlough, and unused payroll deductions for the deceased officer are converted to cash and paid to his widow or estate. (City Comptroller's office)

NATURAL DEATH

A widow's annuity, ranging from a minimum of \$10 to a maximum of \$400 monthly, will be computed on the basis of the officer's Pension Fund contributions and his widow's age, and will be payable upon the death (natural) of a police officer. Annuities for children are the same as for line of duty death. The maximum family annuity for natural death is 60% of the officer's salary at the time of his death. If the officer was not more than 49 years old, his widow receives a \$6000 death benefit payment. For each year past age 49, the death benefit is reduced by \$400, to a minimum of \$2000.

Salary, overtime, furlough, and unused payroll deductions for the deceased officer are converted to cash and paid to his widow or estate. (City Comptroller's office)

Coverage in the Blood Donor Plan of the Chicago Police Department is automatically extended to the widow and dependent children of a deceased police officer, provided the officer was a member of the Plan.

* House Bill 2108 which is now pending would increase the killed in the line of duty benefit to \$20,000.

DISABILITY - LINE OF DUTY

When a police officer becomes disabled in the line of duty, the City of Chicago will pay all necessary expenses incurred as a result of the disability, and will continue paying the officer's salary for one year.

If line of duty disability lasts for more than one year, the pension fund takes over and begins paying duty disability, which is 75% of the officer's salary. At age 63 duty disability benefits end and the officer receives the usual pension based on years of service. The officer's group medical and hospital insurance is paid by the City while he is on duty disability. The City also pays the officer's pension fund contribution, 8-1/2% of his full salary.

DISABILITY - UNRELATED TO PERFORMANCE OF DUTY

The City of Chicago will pay the officer's full salary for up to six months.

Pension fund ordinary disability payments begin six months after inception of disability. These payments provide 50% of member's salary for up to 1/4 of the total service time, but not to exceed five years. While the officer is on ordinary disability, the City will pay his pension fund contribution, 8-1/2% of his full salary.

Group medical and hospital insurance pays all or most of hospital and doctor expense, in accordance with policy provisions.

The Department Blood Donor Plan replaces all blood used by the officer, his wife, or dependents, provided the officer is a member of the Plan.

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Procedural and other information regarding the above benefits is available from the following sources:

Special Activities Section, Public & Internal
Information Division
744-5573 (PAX 0-208)

Pension Fund
744-3891 (PAX 357)

Payroll Section
744-6344 (PAX 651)

Medical Section
744-5583 (PAX 370)

Personnel Division
744-5544 (PAX 521)

City Comptroller's office
744-3121