

## **Death in the Line of Duty**

FOR CITIES

Cities should notify TMRS immediately if a public safety officer who is a TMRS member is killed in the line of duty. When a tragedy like this happens, TMRS wants to act as quickly and accurately as possible to ensure that a Member's beneficiaries understand their TMRS benefits.

The officer's designated TMRS beneficiary is guaranteed to receive at least a refund of the Member's contributions and interest. If the officer was vested, the beneficiary is eligible for a TMRS monthly benefit.

According to IRS rules, the officer's spouse, former spouse, or child may exclude TMRS benefit payments from their gross income.

Processing the survivor's benefit can be expedited if city personnel can provide TMRS with the date of death, the marital status of the officer, and family contact information.

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