

PSOB DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARIES



nacted in 1976, the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Office at the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice, provides death, disability, and education benefits to those eligible for the programs.

Should a firefighter's death be found eligible for the PSOB benefit, and the firefighter has no surviving spouse or eligible children for PSOB purposes, the next level of beneficiary is the "PSOB Designee" on file with the agency at the time of the officer's death. The PSOB Office has partnered with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) to provide the following information to departments regarding a PSOB designee, especially vital in

those instances where a public safety officer is not married and has no children, or adult children only.

The "Designation of Beneficiaries" template can be customized with department letterhead and is available for download from the NFFF at www.firehero.org/resources/departments/last/. If you are a member of the fire service or have family members or friends who are firefighters, please take advantage of this important resource.

For questions regarding this information, or for details regarding the PSOB Death, Disability, or Educational Assistance Programs, please call the PSOB Call Center toll-free at 888-744-6513 or 202-307-0635, or visit PSOB online at www.psob.gov.

Designation of Beneficiaries Form For U.S. Department of Justice Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program

WHO RECEIVES PSOB BENEFITS IF THE CLAIM IS APPROVED?

Benefits are paid to survivors according to the following criteria:

1. If there is a spouse and no child* or children, all to the spouse.
2. If there is a spouse and child or children, one-half to the spouse and one-half to the child or children in equal shares.
3. If no spouse, and children only, all to the child or children in equal shares.
4. If no spouse or children, then to the individual(s) designated by the officer as PSOB beneficiary on file with the officer's agency, or if no designation then to the individual designated as the beneficiary on the most recently executed life insurance policy on file with the officer's agency.
5. If none of the above, to the officer's parents in equal shares.

**"Child" is defined as any natural, illegitimate, adopted, or posthumous child or stepchild of a deceased public safety officer who, at the time of the officer's death, is 18 years old or under; 19-22 and a full-time student; or 19 and older, and incapable of self-support due to a physical or mental disability.*

**PURPOSE
OF THIS
FORM**

This form is for use in declaring a beneficiary for any PSOB benefits that your survivors may be eligible for in the event of your death. The circumstances in which the beneficiaries identified here might be eligible for the PSOB benefit are identified in Step 4 above and would not apply if there is an eligible spouse or children. Should you wish to complete this form, it must be retained with official departmental records.

I, _____ (print full name), as a member of
_____ (print agency name), hereby designate
the following beneficiary(s) for any PSOB benefits that may be paid in the event of my death:

Name	Address	Relationship	Percent (must total 100)
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Officer signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Witness signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

