

SLMPD Retired Officer Death Benefits and Contact List

1. Notify the SLMPD Command Post of the Retiree's death at 314 444 5622. The Command Post should contact Bureau Of Community Policing, 314 444 5654, to have the retiree's last assignment put out the death notification. Tell the Command Post personnel that you **want** a death notification (if you do). On weekends when some offices are closed the Command Post will have to do the Department death notification. The Bureau of Community Policing has the primary responsibility for funeral details when requested by the family of a retiree..
2. The Benefits Section administers the SLMPD Death Benefit of \$3,000, 314 444 5394.
3. The Police Retirement System should be notified at 314 241 0800. Surviving spouse's pension is 40% of the retiree's final average compensation plus 15% for each dependent child up to 3.
4. The Police Funeral Association pays a member's family a \$4,000 death benefit. Police Funeral Association can be contacted at 314 771 0923.
5. If Retiree participated and still has funds in the Deferred Compensation Plan, contact Great West Life & Annuity, 314 241 1334.
6. St Louis Police Leadership Organization pays a \$500 death benefit for dues paying retired members and can be contacted at 314 353 2407.

Other Possible Offices or Persons to Contact

1. If Retiree is a Social Security benefit recipient, report the death by telephone to Social Security, 800 772 1213. There is a \$255 death benefit and possibly a survivor pension.
2. If Retiree is receiving an ERS pension (City civilian, zoo, art museum, etc) contact ERS at 314 622 3560.
3. If Retiree receives a VA disability pension, contact VA at 800-827-1000.
4. If Retiree is a federal civilian retiree contact OPM at 888 767 6738 or 724-794-2005 and select option 6.
5. Contact any other employer, firm, or union pension system that has been paying a benefit to the retiree.
6. If Retiree is receiving retired pay from US military:

Step 1 - Notify the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Casualty Care Team at 1-800-321-1080. Please have the retiree's Social Security Number and the date of death when you call.

Upon notification, DFAS will begin to close out the pay account to prevent any overpayments.

Step 2 - Contact your financial institution and inform them of the death of the retiree.

Step 3 - Within 7-10 business days of reporting the death to DFAS, you should receive a condolence letter.

If the decedent was enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan or the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan, you should also receive an Annuity Care Package for completion and return.

Step 4 - Complete the SF 1174 you received with your condolence letter and return with a copy of the retiree's Death Certificate that reflects cause of death to:

DFAS U.S. Military Retired Pay
P.O. Box 7130
London, KY40742-7130
Fax: 800-469-6559

If you need assistance completing your claim form please contact the DFAS call center at 800-321-1080.

Contact List: In addition to notifying DFAS, you should also notify the following agencies/departments as soon as possible:

- Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213.
- Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) at 800-538-9552.
- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) at 800-827-1000 for military retirees receiving disability compensation.
- Office of Personnel Management at 888-767-6738 if the member was a current or retired federal civilian employee.
- VA at 800-669-8477 for retirees enrolled in a VA-sponsored life insurance policy, such as National Service Life Insurance.
- Office of Servicemember's Group Life Insurance at 800-419-1473 for retirees enrolled in Veteran's Group Life Insurance.