

Alabama Board of Adjustments First Responder Death Benefits

Administered by the State of Alabama

Section 36-30-2, *Alabama Code*, provides for a one-time \$100,000 **death benefit** to the beneficiaries or dependents of peace officers, firefighters (including certain volunteer firefighters) and certain rescue squad members who (1) are killed while engaged in the performance of their duties, (2) die as a result of injuries received while engaged in the performance of their duties, or (3) die as a direct and proximate result of a heart attack or stroke. This program also provides for a one-time \$100,000 **disability benefit** to the beneficiaries or dependents of certain volunteer firefighters who have become totally disabled as a result of an injury received while engaged in the performance of his or her fire-fighting duties and the disability is likely to continue for more than 12 months from the date the injury is incurred. These benefits are paid by the Alabama State Treasury and the maximum benefit is adjusted for inflation each calendar year; for example, in 2020, the maximum death benefit was \$124,331. Please note these amounts may change periodically as updated by the benefit administrators.

Claims must be presented to the Alabama Board of Adjustment within **two years** of death or injury, or any claim is time barred. Claims are initiated by completing the appropriate form prepared by the Board of Adjustment which requests certain information about the death or injury. These forms can be download from the website shown below.

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