



## Surviving Spouse And Family Endowment Fund

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A PROGRAM OF THE KANSAS CITY  
METROPOLITAN CRIME COMMISSION

The shield represents both a police and a fire badge as well as the “protection” offered by the organization.

The black stripe represents a mourning band.

The black and white is representative of the somber service the organization provides.



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## **Mission Statement**

To provide the comfort of financial support for the surviving spouses and dependents or, in their absence, the parents of sworn law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency services personnel who lose their life in the performance of their duties. The employing agency, at the time of death of said public safety officers, must be headquartered within the geographic boundaries of the SAFE program as defined in the current by-laws.

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SAFE currently fulfills its mission by providing an immediate lump sum payment to the nearest surviving family member(s) of full time and volunteer law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency services personnel who lose their life in the performance of their duties in the stated geographic area. Additional monetary benefits are available for deaths occurring “while on duty” but not “in the line of duty”, as well as benefits for certain “catastrophic injuries”, and family holiday contributions. In fulfilling its mission, SAFE receives and invests funds and endeavors to inform and educate the public on issues related to the sacrifices made by those involved in public safety and their families. This organization is not intended to benefit survivors of federal or state agencies, many of whom receive benefits through other programs.



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## Who's Covered

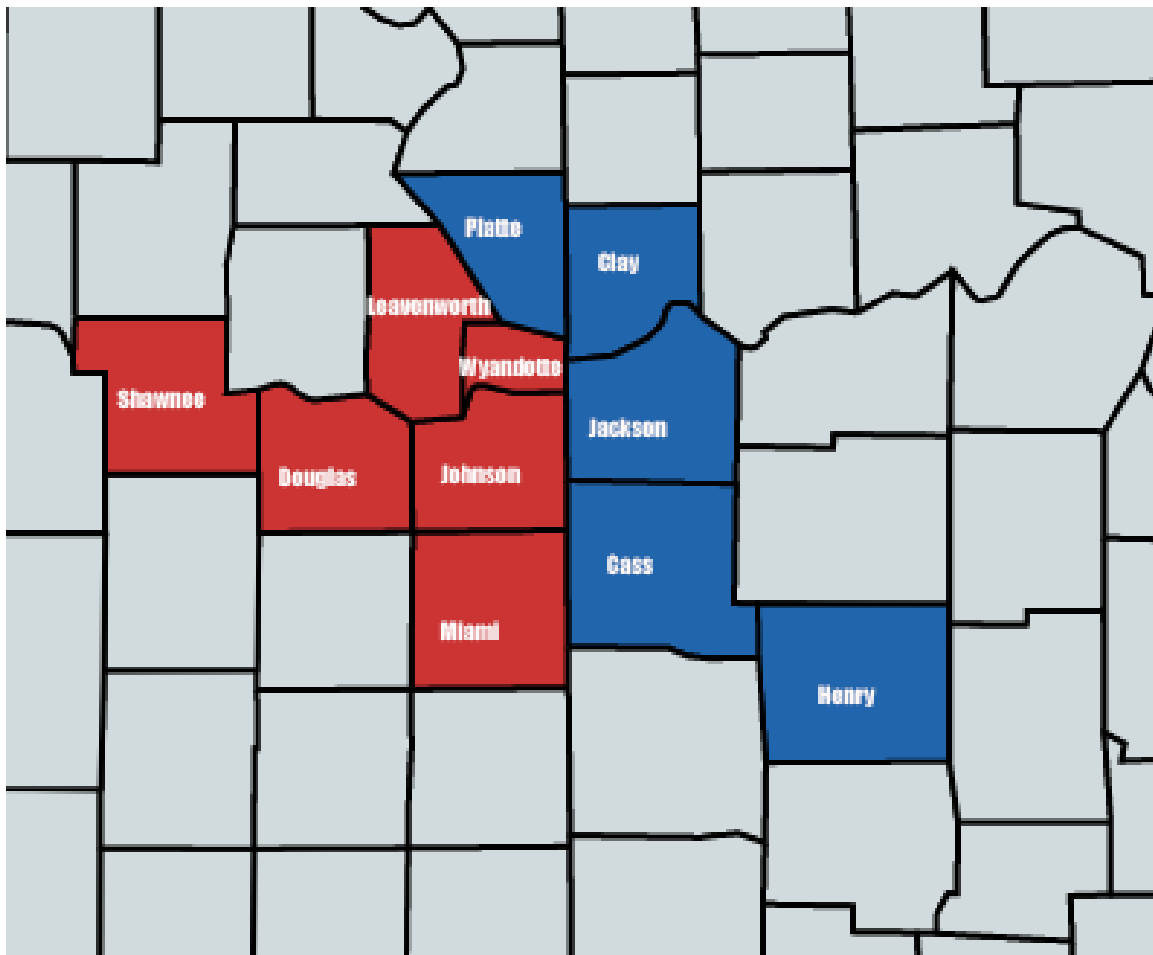
Coverage includes all full time and auxiliary (under certain conditions) police officers, all full time and volunteer (under certain conditions) firefighters, and emergency services personnel who are employed within the current geographic boundary of SAFE, as defined by the by-laws. Coverage area encompasses the Missouri Counties of Cass, Clay, Henry, Jackson and Platte. Kansas Counties of Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, Shawnee and Wyandotte.



= Covered Kansas Counties



= Covered Missouri Counties



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## **SAFE Benefits**

\$25,000 immediate contribution to the surviving spouse / family member of a Firefighter, Police Officer or EMS killed “in the line of duty”.

\$15,000 onetime donation (no further benefits) to surviving spouse of a Police Officer, Firefighter or EMS who is killed in the line of duty in a county contiguous to existing SAFE area of coverage. **(SAFE Executive Committee approval required)**

\$5,000 immediate contribution to the surviving spouse / family member of a Firefighter, Police Officer or EMS who dies or is killed “while on duty” but not “in the line of duty”.

\$5,000 contribution to a Firefighter, Police Officer or EMS who sustains a “catastrophic injury”, which is the obvious result of on-duty, professional actions which renders him/her incapable of working in any capacity the rest of his/her life.

\$5,000(2) annual Educational Scholarship Contest for dependents (high school seniors and /or students of college/vocational/trade school) of qualified full time Public Safety Officers employed within the SAFE geographic area of coverage. (Ed Wynn / SAFE Memorial Scholarship)

\$1,200 annual Holiday Memorial contribution (total, not per child) to the surviving spouse of a Public Safety Officer (killed in the line of duty or dies while on duty) with dependent children age 17 and under still living at home.

\$500 annual Holiday Memorial contribution to the surviving spouse of a Public Safety Officer (killed in the line of duty or dies while on duty) with no dependent children.

No cost funeral and burial services for a Firefighter, Police Officer or EMS killed “in the line of duty”. (KC Dignity Memorial Funeral & Cemetery Providers)

No cost legal services to the surviving spouse / family member of a Public Safety Officer who loses his/her life in the performance of their duties. Services include matters related to wills/trusts, estate and probate. (Husch Blackwell Sanders, L.L.P.)

**The final decision of any payment of benefits will be left to the discretion of the Board of Directors of SAFE.**



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## In Memoriam

Public Safety Officers who have died in the line of duty since the inception of the Surviving Spouse And Family Endowment (SAFE) Fund on October 30, 2003:

November 17, 2003

Captain Gary Boyert  
Kansas City, KS Fire Dept.

December 9, 2011

Sergeant David Enzbrenner  
Atchison, KS Police Dept.

September 5, 2004

Fire Apparatus Operator  
Gerald McGowan  
Kansas City, MO Fire Dept.

December 16, 2012

Officer Jeff Atherly  
Topeka, KS Police Dept.

November 21, 2007

Senior Firefighter Michael Tluscik  
Kansas City, KS Fire Dept.

December 16, 2012

Cpl. David Gogian  
Topeka, KS Police Dept.

March 17, 2008

Firefighter Terrance Crockett  
Kansas City, MO Fire Dept.

April 7, 2013

Asst. Fire Chief Harold Hollingsworth  
Fort Osage Fire Protection Dist.

May 22, 2010

Firefighter John Glaser  
Shawnee, KS Fire Dept.

September 7, 2014

Cpl. Jason Harwood  
Topeka, KS Police Dept.

January 7, 2011

Fire Apparatus Operator Richard Paul  
Kansas City, MO Fire Dept.

November 2, 2014

Deputy Sheriff Matthew Chism  
Cedar County, MO Sheriff Dept.

March 21, 2011

EMT Robert Steven Smith  
Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Dept.

January 8, 2015

Battalion Chief Christopher Tindall  
South Metro Fire Protection Dist.

June 3, 2011

Master Police Officer Jeff Taylor  
Riverside, MO Police Dept.

January 20, 2015

Officer Michael Kern  
Olathe, KS Police Dept.



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October 12, 2015

Firefighter Larry Leggio  
Kansas City, MO Fire Dept.

August 6, 2017

Officer Gary Michael  
Clinton, MO Police Dept.

October 12, 2015

Firefighter John Mesh  
Kansas City, MO Fire Dept.

December 26, 2017

Firefighter Jason Garret  
Kansas City, KS Fire Dept.

May 09, 2016

Detective Brad Lancaster  
Kansas City, KS Police Dept.

January 2, 2018

Firefighter John Randle  
Wamego, KS Volunteer Fire Dept.

July 19, 2016

Captain Robert D. Melton  
Kansas City, KS Police Dept.

February 5, 2018

Firefighter Roger Rhoads  
Kansas City, MO Fire Dept.

September 11, 2016

Master Deputy Brandon Collins  
Johnson County, KS Sheriff's Office

March 6, 2018

Officer Christopher Ryan Morton  
Clinton, MO Police Dept.



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## **Additional Benefits**

### **Legal Services**

The following attorneys will be able to assist with estate planning for surviving spouses referred by SAFE and most assistance will be pro bono.

Michael Thiessen  
**Lewis Rice**  
1010 Walnut, Suite 500  
Kansas City, MO 64106  
816-472-2585

Lisa Veselich  
**Lewis Rice**  
1010 Walnut, Suite 500  
Kansas City, MO 64106  
816-472-2580

Molly Nail  
**Chinnery Evans & Nail**  
800 NE Vanderbilt Lane  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064  
816-525-2050

William Jenkins  
**Jenkins Legal, LLC**  
Corporate Woods, Bldg 12  
10975 Benson Dr # 305  
Overland Park, KS 66210  
Ks (913) 815-0084  
Mo (816) 895-2284

### **Funeral and Burial Services**

Dignity Memorial Providers will provide no cost funeral and burial services. Some conditions will apply.

**Dignity Memorial**  
10507 Holmes Rd  
Kansas City, MO 64131  
816-912-4599





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**Alternate** Kendra Meeker  
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[kmeeker@kc-crime.org](mailto:kmeeker@kc-crime.org)

Note: The cost of membership is fully tax deductible.



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### Application for Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Foundation/Organization (if applicable):  
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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

For acknowledgement and recognition purposes, please list the donor as follows:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please mark your membership choice:

- |                          |  |   |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual Membership  | \$120 Annually                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family Membership  | \$150 Annually                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Organization Membership  | \$500 Annually                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lifetime Membership  | \$5,000 (minimum one-time contribution) |
|                          | (first 100 receive commemorative SAFE shield)  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Donation   | \$ _____                                |
|                          | (donations less than \$120 do not qualify for membership, but are greatly appreciated) |   |

Please return the completed application with your check,  
payable to SAFE Fund, to the address provided above.

All memberships/contributions are fully tax deductible  
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