



The BackStoppers®, Inc.

The BackStoppers® provides ongoing needed financial assistance and support to the spouses and dependent children of all police officers, firefighters and volunteer firefighters, and publicly-funded paramedics and EMTs in our coverage area who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

In addition to our mission of supporting the families of fallen heroes, BackStoppers provides assistance to first responders who suffer a catastrophic injury performing their duty.

How We Help

The BackStoppers supports families of fallen heroes by paying off all debt, providing health and dental insurance, reimbursing for out-of-pocket medical expenses, and assisting with tuition and educational costs from day care through university and miscellaneous extraordinary expenses.

Organization Information

- 501(c)3 organization
- Tax ID 43-6032561
- Founded in 1959
- Funded by membership, individual and corporate donations, and fundraisers held on our behalf

Board of Directors and Staff

- Managed by a 30-person Board of Directors
- Board members are not compensated
- Serviced by an executive director and staff of five associates
- Executive Director Col. Ron Battelle, retired Chief of Police, St. Louis County

Assistance

- Currently supports approximately 80 families with 65 dependent children
- Supported over 160 families since 1959
- Provides roughly \$1.5 million in assistance annually
- Program expense ratio is an average 83% over the last five years

Coverage Area

- 18 counties in Missouri and Illinois
- Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop C Counties Served:
 - Cape Girardeau, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Perry, Pike, St. Charles, St. Francois, St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Ste. Genevieve, Warren, Washington
- Illinois State Police District 11 Counties Served:
 - Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair

Membership Levels

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| • Calendar year basis | • \$1,000 Bronze |
| • \$150 Individual | • \$2,500 Silver |
| • \$250 Family | • \$5,000 Gold |
| • \$500 Community Partner | • \$10,000 Platinum |