

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 who have lost their lives or suffered a catastrophic injury in the line of duty.

How We Help Families of Fallen Heroes

- Eliminate the surviving family's debt
- Provide medical, dental, and vision insurance coverage
- Reimburse for out-of-pocket medical expenses
- Cover tuition and educational costs from day care through university
- Pay home insurance, real estate taxes, and property taxes
- Assist with unforeseen extraordinary expenses

How We Help Families of Catastrophically Injured Heroes

- Provide financial assistance up to \$150,000 directly to the family
- Provide medical, dental, and vision insurance coverage as needed
- Reimburse for out-of-pocket medical expenses as needed
- Cover tuition and educational costs from day care through university as needed

Our Assistance

- Currently supports approximately 95 families with 70 dependent children
- Has supported over 200 families since 1959
- Provides roughly \$2.5 million in assistance annually

Who We Are

The BackStoppers®, Inc. Police Officers' and Firefighter's Fund, Tax ID 43-6032561

- 501(c)(3) organization founded on September 11, 1959
- Funded by membership, individual and corporate donations, and fundraisers
- Managed by a 30-person Board of Directors: Board members are not compensated
- Serviced by Executive Director Col. Ron Battelle, retired Chief of Police, St. Louis County, and staff of five associates

Service Region: 28 Counties in Missouri and Illinois

Cape Girardeau, Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Jefferson, Lincoln, Montgomery, Perry, Phelps, Pike, St. Charles, St. Francois, St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Ste. Genevieve, Scott, Warren, and Washington Counties in Missouri. Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, Perry, Randolph, St. Clair, and Washington Counties in Illinois.

You Can Make an Impact

- Become a Sustaining Partner for as little as \$10 per month
- Become a Member; levels begin at \$100 for public safety officers and \$150 for civilians
- Donate to the general fund or the Education Fund
- Attend, volunteer, sponsor, or organize an event
- Stay connected; receive our newsletters and follow @BackStoppers on social media

Learn more about our mission and how to get involved at BackStoppers.org