

# THE BACKSTOPPERS® INC.



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The BackStoppers® provides immediate and ongoing needed financial assistance to families of fallen and catastrophically injured first responders.

## Who We Help

Eligible first responders are police officers, firefighters and volunteer firefighters, and publicly-funded paramedics and EMTs who were killed, catastrophically injured, or suffered a fatal medical event in the line of duty in 28 counties in Missouri and Illinois. Families assisted include the hero's surviving spouse and dependent children.

## 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
- 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 over 100 families with roughly 75 dependent children
- Has supported over 200 families since 1959
- Provided roughly \$3 million in assistance annually over the last three years

## Who We Are

The BackStoppers®, Inc. Police Officers' and Firefighters' 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 Lt. Col. Lawrence M. O'Toole, retired St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, 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 BackStopper by joining as a Monthly or Annual Member; open to everyone!
- Donate to the general fund or the Education Fund
- Attend, volunteer, sponsor, or organize an event
- Download the mobile app, join the mailing list, & follow @BackStoppers on social media



Learn more about our mission and how to get involved at [BackStoppers.org](https://BackStoppers.org)!

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