



SPECIAL DEATH BENEFIT – VIOLENT ACT

Lifetime protection for non-safety employees killed by a violent act on duty

A CONTRACT BENEFIT FOR MISCELLANEOUS MEMBERS · YOUR AGENCY MUST ADD IT

DESCRIPTION

Safety members already have the Special Death Benefit. This contract benefit extends it to miscellaneous (non-safety) employees killed as a direct result of a violent act on duty: half of final pay to the spouse, every month, for life.

WHEN DOES IT APPLY?

SAFETY MEMBER, JOB-RELATED DEATH

ALREADY COVERED

The standard Special Death Benefit applies to any job-related cause.

MISCELLANEOUS MEMBER, VIOLENT ACT ON DUTY

APPLIES IF CONTRACTED

50% of final pay to the spouse for life, up to 75% with children.

MISCELLANEOUS MEMBER, ANY OTHER DEATH

DOES NOT APPLY

Regular benefits apply: Basic Death Benefit, 1957, Option 2W or 1959.

Miscellaneous members can include dispatchers, community service officers, records and evidence staff, and other non-sworn roles. Classification varies by agency.

HOW MUCH IS IT?

SURVIVING FAMILY

SHARE OF FINAL PAY

SPOUSE OR PARTNER	50%
+ 1 ELIGIBLE CHILD	62.5%
+ 2 OR MORE CHILDREN	75%

- Based on final pay, not years of service. A short career still qualifies.
- Children must be unmarried and under 22. It falls back to 50% as they age out.

EXAMPLE

Final pay: \$8,000 / month · spouse, no children

\$4,000 / MONTH
\$48,000 PER YEAR

Paid to the surviving spouse or partner for life

WITH IT OR WITHOUT IT · DISPATCHER, AGE 35, 8 YEARS, \$8,000 FINAL PAY

IF THE AGENCY...

MONTHLY FOR LIFE

WHAT THE FAMILY RECEIVES

HAS THE VIOLENT ACT BENEFIT

\$4,000 / mo

Monthly check for life, more while children are under 22

DOES NOT HAVE IT

\$0

One-time lump sum, plus the 1959 if contracted

At 35, the member is not yet eligible to retire, so the 1957 and Option 2W benefits do not apply either.

QUICK ANSWERS

Standard or contracted?

CONTRACTED. Only if your agency added it (\$21540.5). Check your plan.

What counts?

A VIOLENT ACT against you, on duty, that directly causes your death. Illness and accidents do not.

Who receives it?

SPOUSE OR PARTNER married 1+ year before death or before the injury. If none, children under 22.

Paid with the 1959?

GENERALLY NOT. If the 1959 is larger, CalPERS may pay only the difference.

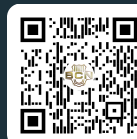
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