

Cumberland County Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation (CCLEMF)

Selection criteria for recognition within the Cumberland
County Law Enforcement Memorial

Definitions

Line of Duty Death: Those officers as defined below assigned to or whose primary jurisdiction is located in Cumberland County Pennsylvania, who have died as direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty. This includes law enforcement officers who, while in an off-duty capacity, act in direct response to a call for service or an emergency involving the public or violation of law.

Law Enforcement Officer: Law enforcement officers as defined herein: A law enforcement officer is any marshal, police officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff; constable, agent, or employee of any other title employed by a municipal, county, state, or federal agency or tribal authority, and has powers of arrest. Any employee of a public authority, railroad, private or State institution of higher education, or otherwise holds a police commission from the state are considered law enforcement officers.

Correctional & Detention Officers: Correctional and Detention Officers are defined herein: Officers who are employed as correctional or detention officers by any city, county, regional, state, or federal jail or corrections department are considered law enforcement officers for purposes of being honored on the CCLEM, even if they do not have power of arrest outside the confines of the facility to which they are employed. The officer in question must be employed in a position that gives him/her primary or limited responsibility for the care, custody and control of

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suspected or convicted criminal offenders. If custody and control of suspected or convicted criminal offenders is not a person's primary function (e.g. correctional employee such as Maintenance Supervisor, Farm Manager, Food Service Instructor, etc.), then that person must be engaged in custody and security duties when their fatal injury is sustained.

Military Law Enforcement Officers: Military Police Officers as defined herein: Military personnel (civilian, enlisted or commissioned officers) who act as law enforcement officers for their agency are considered law enforcement officers for the purpose of being honored in the CCLEM. Military police officers will not be included if the death occurs as a result of combat during a time of war, military conflict, military exercise, or military operation. Military police officers will only be considered if their death occurs while conducting conventional law enforcement duties.

Qualifying Causes of Death

Felonious Causes: Those officers defined herein who are is killed in a felonious way as a result of a line of duty incident.

Accidental Causes: Those officers defined within the categories' that dies in an accidental way because of a line of duty incident.

The category "Gunfire (Accidental)" is defined as an incident in which an officer is the victim of an accidental/unintentional discharge of a firearm by the victim officer or another officer; is the victim a case of mistaken identity by another officer; or, is fatally wounded as the result of friendly-fire during a shooting involving one or more suspects and one or more other officers.

The category "Gunfire" is defined as any incident in which an officer is the victim of a shooting

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by a criminal in the commission of a crime; or, is the victim of a discharge of a weapon by a civilian.

Natural Causes: Those officers defined within the categories' that dies of natural causes (heart attack, brain aneurysm, etc.) due to physical exertion during a stressful event while on duty.

Example scenarios:

- Struggle with a suspect
- Foot chase or other pursuit of a suspect
- Required departmental training

The law enforcement officer will only be eligible if hospitalization or death occurs within 48 hours of the incident and must be attributed to the incident by a certified medical professional.

Written proof may be required. Natural causes deaths that occur while on-duty but not during or following a physical exertion during a stressful event will not be eligible.

Health Related Causes: Those officers defined within the categories that dies because of any health related cause (illness, disease, infection, etc.) that is a direct result of the officer's law enforcement duties.

Example scenarios:

- Contraction of an infectious disease or illness such as Hepatitis or AIDS
- Contraction of an infection or illness because of a duty related illness
- Health related issues due to a HAZMAT incident

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Evidence of a direct relation between a duty related incident and the contraction of a disease or illness much be presented in the form of official documentation.

Previous Injuries: Those officers who are defined within these categories and who die because of any criminal act or accidental cause sustained at any time while on duty before the actual date of death. Written proof, such as a coroner's report or department records, may be required.

Off Duty Deaths: Those officers who are defined within and who dies or is killed off duty while acting in an official capacity to prevent loss of property, injury, or death, or is targeted because of his/her duties as a law enforcement officer.

DISQUALIFYING CIRCUMSTANCES

Those officers defined within this document and whose death meets one of the following conditions shall be ineligible to be included within the C.C.L.E.M.:

- Deaths attributed to voluntary alcohol or controlled substance abuse or while the victim officer is under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance
- Deaths caused by the intentional misconduct of the officer
- Deaths caused by the officer's intention to bring about his/her own death
- Deaths attributed to an officer performing his/her duty in a grossly negligent manner at time of death
- Off-duty automobile accidents where the officer is not involved in any type of duty related activity

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- Off-duty law enforcement officers serving as overseas peace keepers, government contractors, or active-duty military
- Private law enforcement, security, or corrections officers working for for-profit law enforcement companies (even if holding a state law-enforcement commission)

Submission Review Procedure

All submissions will be reviewed and assessed by the Board of Directors of the Cumberland County Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation. All decisions made by the board are final unless the board finds sufficient reason to re-evaluate individual submissions at a later date. If at any time an officer listed on the CCLEM is found to not meeting foundation guidelines' for inclusion, the officer will be removed from the CCLEM.