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### Peace Officers' Angels Foundation

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**"No donation is too small to make a big difference."**

## POAF Purpose

Peace Officers' Angels Foundation provides emotional and short term Financial assistance to our Texas Law Enforcement following a serious or life changing line of duty injury.

POAF's success relies on strong community partnerships standing behind our peace officers and their families.

"When I was shot in the line of duty, there was a great out pouring of prayers and sympathy for me (it was appreciated) but so many more other than just myself were affected.

My wife, my children, my sister, and friends were all affected and **their** lives changed forever. These people felt helpless and unsure and some felt alone. The trauma is no different than a soldier on a battlefield. To have an organization like POAF to assist those affected is a God send. Sometimes those folks affected have a hard time doing just the simple every day things we all take for granted because of the trauma...they need you...we all need you to guide us **through** those times.

Thank you and God Bless."



John Bell FWPD



"Organizations such as POA are paramount in the recovery process-not only physically, but emotionally. I was ambushed on December 29, 1975 by a parolee with a 12 gauge shotgun. I was only 20 years old. The physical and emotional scars will last a lifetime. I thank organizations like Peace Officers' Angels Foundation who want to assist victims and their families. I wish this type of help had been available to me back in '75. Not only with the financial and physical effects-but the emotional trauma."

Tommy Duncan  
Retired Chief of Police

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"Following a life changing injury sustained in the line of duty, I have discovered how very important organizations like Peace Officers Angels Foundation are in recognizing our lives have changed forever. The emotional support they will provide is essential for healing and for us to reach out and help our own"

Leigh Ann Snyder, Longview,



"I believe POA is a much needed organization that will do great work for injured LEO's and their families."  
Cooke County Deputy,  
James Boyd



"We should never forget those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, But we should also remember those law enforcement men and women who are critically injured in the line-of-duty and their families who suddenly have their lives changed, sometimes forever. They need love, care, concern, and compassion, along with support for their department that exemplifies the "giving their all" to serve and protect their communities."



POAF Chaplain Coordinator, Chaplain Donna Kleman

"Being injured in the line of duty is a scary, daunting situation. The unknown of what is or may happen, outside of the medical issues is very real when you are hurt and can't work to support yourself or your family. I know, I spent 4 months in the hospital after being hit by a car while on duty. I had peer support, but also having someone that can help, even in small ways would have been life changing, just as much as my accident changed my life. Please help Peace Officers' Angels Foundation help other injured officers and let them know we all care about them during their greatest time of need."

Detective S. Hayes

Peace officers become injured on duty as a result of shootings, car accidents, assaults, and other incidents. Serious injuries lead to critical medical problems which require extensive medical care and rehabilitation.

Peace Officers' Angels Foundation was created to assist these peace officers and their families following a serious life changing line of duty injury.

POAF's vision is to have chaplains throughout the state represent Peace Officers' Angels Foundation by their presence during these incidents and providing what services POAF can offer. Dealing with a severe injury can be overwhelming for the officer and his family. It is vitally important to keep that communication going with our injured officers so that they know they are not forgotten.



Peace Officers' Angels Foundation (POAF) was founded by the organization's president, Maria Alvarado, in 2013. Her son, Corporal Rick Barreda, was killed in the line of duty on February 14, 1997. After her loss, COPS (Concerns of Police Survivors) was there to help her through her through the difficult time in her life. She then became involved with COPS so she could assist other families of fallen officers. It was at this point that she came to recognize there was a need for an organization that helped injured officers who are survivors as well. After doing some research and finding others who wanted to assist, POAF was introduced.

POAF is an all volunteer organization that includes law enforcement family survivors who have lost their loved ones in the line of duty or whose loved ones were injured on duty; police chaplains; licensed and retired Texas officers, including officers injured on duty who have returned to work or retired due to disabling injuries; and active officers who believe that injured officers and their families deserve the best assistance possible. POAF provides emotional and short term financial assistance to our Texas Law Enforcement following a serious or life changing line of duty injury.

POAF's success relies on strong community partnerships standing behind our peace officers and their families. Since its inception, POAF has been able to give thousands of dollars to injured officers and their families. POAF has raised money through several fundraising events, such as hosting a "Dining with the Heroes" night at a restaurant where local law enforcement officers waited on tables and received donations. POAF has also hosted "Law Enforcement Appreciation Day" at the Texas Ranger's Globe Life Park in Arlington, and they have held raffles for donated items. POAF is also there to provide emotional support through visits to the families and officers in the hospital and any other type of help the family may request.

POAF is a 501 C 3/tax deductible organization.

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