

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.8  
(ID # 26336)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, October 29, 2024

**FROM :** EXECUTIVE OFFICE

**SUBJECT:** EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Authorize the Reimbursement of Costs for Travel and Accommodations for Surviving Families of Riverside County Fallen Peace Officers to Attend the State and National Peace Officers Memorial Events. All Districts. [Total Cost \$137,635 for FY2024/2025, not to exceed \$50,000 each year thereafter] (4/5 Vote Required)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the reimbursement of the costs for travel and accommodations for surviving families of fallen Riverside County Peace Officers to attend the State and National Peace Officers Memorial events during the years the peace officer is recognized and honored.
2. Authorize the reimbursement of the costs for travel and accommodations for families of fallen Riverside County Peace Officers who attended the State and National Peace Officers Memorial events during the years 2020, 2022, and 2023 for a total aggregate amount of \$87,635.
3. Approve and Direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustment as shown on Schedule A

**ACTION:**4/5 Vote Required, Policy

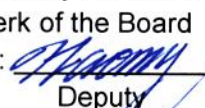
*Michelle Paradise*  
Michelle Paradise, ACEO 10/23/2024

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: October 29, 2024  
xc: E.O.

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 137,635	\$ 50,000	\$ 187,635	\$ 50,000
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$137,635	\$ 50,000	\$ 187,635	\$ 50,000
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 100% General Fund Contingency			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	Yes
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	24/25

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

Each year the State and National Peace Officer Memorials pay tribute to fallen peace officers who were lost in the line of duty. The Riverside Sheriffs' Association (RSA) and Deputy Sheriff Relief Foundation have funded the travel and lodging expenses to send immediate family members to attend these memorial events in Sacramento and Washington, DC to witness their loved ones being honored. This is a once in a lifetime event for those affected and is an important part of the healing process for these families. While it is understood there is no degree of compensation which can make up for the loss of these lives, funding these memorial services for family attendance shows a continued commitment to support those who have given their lives in service.

On May 26, 1998, Item 3.1, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to provide for reimbursement of travel expenses to the widows and children of fallen officers. The Riverside County Executive Office is returning to the Board to define the approved costs and the extent of family covered by this provision.

If a cost exceeds the limits of this provision, or a cost is incurred that is not covered by this policy, reimbursement may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For the fallen officer's father, father-in-law, mother, mother-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, spouse, domestic partner (registered with the Secretary of State and providing a Declaration of Domestic Partnership), child, child of a domestic partner, grandparent, grandchild, step relationships of the same categories, legally authorized guardian, or foster parent. The following shall be reimbursable expenses in accordance with Board of Supervisor Policy D-1:

- **Lodging:** Lodging is allowed for attendance at the State and National Peace Officers Memorial event(s) during the year in which the sworn officer is honored, at the per diem rate established by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) rate per destination, which can be found at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>. The GSA rate is not inclusive of all occupancy and accommodation taxes and other room related



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taxes and fees. Lodging accommodations are limited to the day before and during the event, with check-out on the day after the event has concluded.

- **Meals:** Meal reimbursement will be at a per diem rate, which will be updated periodically in accordance with the changes found at the GSA website at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>. The first and last day of travel will be reduced to 75% of the listed rate. No reimbursement shall be made for alcoholic beverages. Where the cost of a meal is included as part of an event's registration and attendance, no additional reimbursement may be claimed for that meal.
- **Travel:** Actual cost of common carrier services, including taxicabs, rideshare services, car rentals and baggage fees, shall be allowed. Tips for travel services are allowable if they do not exceed 20% of the total fare cost. Airfare will be reimbursed for standard fare only. Any additional costs incurred for upgrades to business class, or first class will be the responsibility of the traveler.
- **Other Actual and Necessary Expenses:** Other actual and necessary expenses include the registration and/or attendance fees to participate at the memorial event honoring a fallen officer.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Since 2020, Riverside County has tragically lost seven peace officers in the line of duty:

- Deputy Terrell Young, EOW: April 2, 2020
- Sergeant Harry Cohen, EOW: October 18, 2020
- Deputy Probation Officer Julio Beltran, EOW: November 14, 2020
- Correctional Lieutenant Steven Taylor, EOW: February 24, 2022
- Deputy Isaiah Cordero, EOW: December 29, 2022
- Deputy Darnell Calhoun, EOW: January 13, 2023
- Deputy Brett Harris, EOW: May 13, 2023

While no degree of compensation can make up for the loss of these lives, funding these memorial services for family attendance reinforces the value of public safety, while also offering comfort to the families of the fallen. It serves as a powerful reminder of the risk officers face daily.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

Since 2020, the Riverside Sheriff's Association (RSA) and Deputy Sheriff Relief Foundation have paid the expenses for the immediate family members of seven peace officers lost in the line of duty. The incurred expenses total \$87,634.92:

Year	Airfare	Lodging	Meals/Transport	Event Fees	Total Cost
2020	\$11,373.38	\$13,569.02	\$6,610.00	\$1,807.65	\$33,360.05
2022	\$4,182.45	\$6,582.38	\$3,060.00	\$417.15	\$14,241.98
2023	\$14,943.60	\$13,709.79	\$9,155.00	\$2,224.50	\$40,032.89

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The average annual cost for these reimbursements since 2020 has been approximately \$30,000. With the costs for travel continuing to increase, the Executive Office is requesting to budget \$50,000 annually to cover any anticipated costs. The reimbursements will be reviewed and approved individually by the Executive Office and funded by the General Fund.

**ATTACHMENTS: BOS Item 3.1, May 26, 1998**

**Schedule A**

Increase Appropriations:

10000-1102900000-529000	Miscellaneous Travel Expense	\$ 137,635
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Anticipated Use of Unassigned Fund Balance:

10000-1102900000-370100	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 137,635
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Decrease Appropriations:

10000-1109000000-581000	Appropriation for Contingency	\$ 137,635
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Anticipated Increase of Unassigned Fund Balance:

10000-1109000000-370100	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 137,635
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Brett Austin, Supervising Accountant

10/22/2024

  
Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst

10/22/2024

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**FROM:** Supervisor Tavaglione

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** May 26, 1998

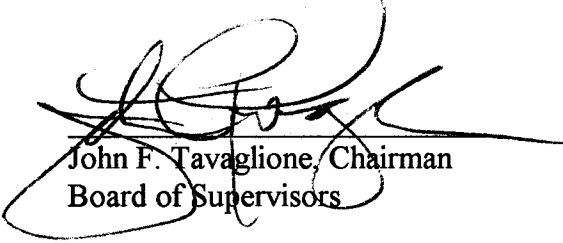
**SUBJECT:** ***PAYMENT OF EXPENSES FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF  
FALLEN RIVERSIDE COUNTY PEACE OFFICERS TO ATTEND  
THE CALIFORNIA STATE AND NATIONAL PEACE OFFICES MEMORIAL***

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board join me in authorizing the payment of travel and accommodations for widows and children of fallen Riverside County Peace Officers to attend the California State and National Peace Officers Memorial during the year in which they will be honored.

**BACKGROUND:** Each year the California State and Washington National Peace Officer Memorials pay tribute to fallen peace officers. At each of these events, the previous year's widows and children of fallen officers are honored and are given very special "VIP" treatment. This is a once in a life time event for those affected and is an extremely important part of the healing process for the families involved.

It is my belief that the Board of Supervisors has the obligation to adopt a policy which requires the County of Riverside to provide funding for travel, to and from, each of these memorial events, for the wives and children of all Riverside County Peace Officers killed in the line of duty. Further, the policy should also include the cost of lodging for the family members while attending these events.

As there is no degree of compensation, monetary or otherwise, which can make up for the deaths of these fine men and women, it should be the responsibility of this County to ensure that their wives and children are able to attend these very important events during the annual event following the unfortunate loss of one of our deputies.

  
John F. Tavaglione, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

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On motion of Supervisor Venable, seconded by Supervisor Tavaglione and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

**Ayes:** Buster, Tavaglione, Venable, Wilson and Mullen  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Date:** May 26, 1998  
**xc:** Supv. Tavaglione

Gerald A. Maloney  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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