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Criteria for Inclusion on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is Revised to Include Deaths by Suicide

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) has issued its revised criteria to include death by suicide as a potential line of duty death as approved in a special meeting of its Board of Directors on March 15, 2024. The vote followed a year-long process of research, investigation and thoughtful consideration of how such a policy change should be implemented.

Their revised criteria is consistent with the Public Safety Support Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-172) and the policy of the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program (PSOB) administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance of the U.S. Department of Justice. The NLEOMF will only consider for inclusion such deaths which occurred on or after January 1, 2019, following an approval by the PSOB and that were a result of the officer responding to one or more traumatic events in the line of duty, which was found to be the substantial factor in the officer's death.

Any law enforcement agency who has experienced an officer death by suicide that they believe meets the revised criteria of a potential line of duty death is encouraged to submit an application for review to the NLEOMF or seek guidance before doing so by contacting them at (202) 737-3400 or by email at info@nleomf.org.

As the Indiana Law Enforcement Memorial observes the same standards established by the NLEOMF to be included on our memorial, we will honor any otherwise eligible officer whose death by suicide has been submitted to and approved by the NLEOMF. Our Criteria for Inclusion and the revised criteria of the NLEOMF in its entirety can be found at: <https://inlem.org/criteria-for-inclusion/>.

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About the Indiana Law Enforcement Memorial

Founded in 2017, the Indiana Law Enforcement Memorial is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring all of our state's fallen officers. Its mission is to honor law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice; provide support to their surviving family members and affected agencies; and conduct research into and foster public awareness of Indiana line of duty deaths.

Each of these over 500 officers are memorialized through a website maintained as an exclusive resource to our state with the most comprehensive details to preserve the history surrounding their incidents and an extensive compilation of statistical data.