

Frequently Asked Questions

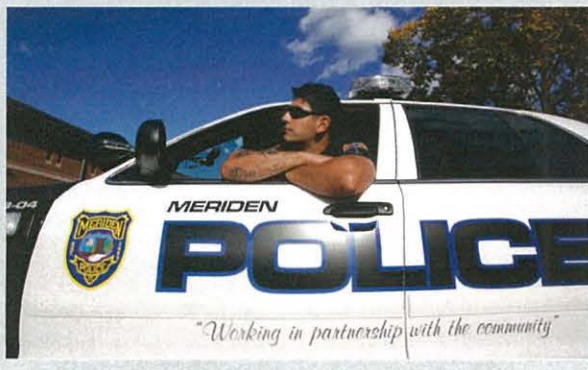
Q. Are there any deductibles for the benefits? No, your monthly premium is all you pay.

Q. Who do I call if I have questions about the AFSCME Public Safety Protection Program? Call the member advocacy line at 760-610-9618.

Q. How do I file a claim for the legal defense fund benefit? Simply call PORAC LDF at (888) 556-5631. A case coordinator will determine your eligibility for benefits. If the case is coverable, you will be referred to an attorney or law firm in your area. Most calls take less than five minutes. You will then get a follow-up confirmation letter.

Q. What if I am involved in a critical incident outside of normal business hours? The 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year PORAC LDF hotline is available for all critical incidents. When you call (888) 556-5631 you will get an answering service which will put you in touch with the administrator. In most cases, an attorney will call you back within 10 minutes.

Q. Are there limits or caps on the legal defense fund benefits? No. There are no pre-determined monetary limitations or caps on the attorney fees or costs reasonably needed to represent you.



AFSCME continues to fight for better pay, benefits and safe workplaces, and to uphold the standard of professionalism for our public safety members across the country.

AFSCME Public Safety Protection Program

**Legal representation for
criminal and civil actions
888-556-5631**

**Member Advocacy Line
760-610-9618**

**To learn more about the PORAC LDF
visit: afscme.org/psoaa**

**Learn more about other AFSCME
Advantage member-only benefits at:
afscme.org/advantage**



Public Safety Protection Program

Legal Defense Fund



AFSCME Public Safety Members Get Peace of Mind with Outstanding Legal Representation Provided by PORAC



PORAC Legal Defense Fund

The Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) Legal Defense Fund is the nation's largest and most successful legal defense fund run by and for public safety officers. The fund has been in existence since 1974 and currently has more than 100,000 public safety participants.

The PORAC LDF Provides:

Criminal — Representation at the first indication of potential criminal exposure arising from an act or omission committed within the scope of employment, e.g., shooting, custody death, or use of force resulting in serious physical injury.

Civil — Representation by an experienced civil attorney when a member is sued for an act within the scope of employment, but the employing agency refuses to defend the member. When the member's employing agency defends, but fails to fully indemnify that member, the Legal Defense Fund will provide an experienced attorney to monitor the case.

Prison Rape Elimination Act — Provides criminal and, as needed, civil defense in the event an AFSCME member is wrongfully accused of committing a sexual assault on an inmate.



No Cap on Benefits — The PORAC Legal Defense Fund provides unlimited access to attorneys, experts and investigators when reasonably needed to protect its members. Whether the case costs \$100,000 or \$1,000,000 to defend, the PORAC LDF keeps its long standing promise of never skimping when members' lives and careers are on the line.

Expansive List of Experienced Panel Attorneys — PORAC only engages highly experienced and well-qualified attorneys, with a history of representing public safety personnel. Already have attorneys that are trusted by your union? PORAC will work with affiliate leadership to make those attorneys part of the LDF attorney panel.

24 Hour Coverage — PORAC has attorneys available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to handle emergencies or critical incidents.

The cost of the PORAC LDF is only \$4.75 per month. You get:

- Criminal and Civil Legal Representation
- Program administrator to provide the Member Advocacy Line, process payments and indemnify and hold AFSCME harmless.

