

News Release

Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopts new benefit policy for families of those who have fallen in the line of duty

New benefit honors fallen Oakland County Sheriff Deputy Eric Overall

April 2, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – The Oakland County Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted the Eric Overall Memorial Death Benefit Policy, which provides a one-time \$5,000 payment to families of an Oakland County employee who falls in the line of duty, at its meeting on Tuesday, March 31. The policy intends to help defray costs associated with the death, including but not limited to, funeral and burial expenses. It is named in honor of Oakland County Deputy Sheriff Eric Overall, who was lost in the line of duty on Thanksgiving Day in 2017, and a provision in the resolution provides the benefit retroactively for the Overall family.

“This is a small measure of our gratitude and support to honor our employees in public service who provided the ultimate sacrifice to keep us safe,” said Commissioner **Penny Luebs** (D-Clawson), who introduced the policy.

Oakland County Executive David Coulter announced the benefit at his State of the County address in February.

“We hope to never again have another county employee fall in the line of duty, but should it happen, our employees' families will have that extra security to help cover expenses at such a tragic time,” said Board Chairman **David T. Woodward** (D-Royal Oak). “It’s fitting to name this new benefit after Deputy Sheriff Eric Overall, an officer who served us all bravely, gave his all to Oakland County and was taken from us too soon.”

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