



Criminal Defense Assistance Program

The Metropolitan Alliance of Police offers a Legal Defense Assistance Plan (“Plan”) for all sworn and certain non-sworn law enforcement members. This Plan is only available to members in good standing of the Metropolitan Alliance of Police (“MAP”). This document is not intended to be comprehensive or to address all the possible applications of, or exceptions to, the general policy and procedures described. This Plan does not confer any contractual right, either express or implied, nor does it guarantee any fixed terms and conditions of this benefit. In addition, the procedures, practices, policies, and benefits described herein may be modified, altered, amended, or discontinued. MAP will attempt to inform you of any changes as they occur.

Generally, the Plan is designed to assist law enforcement members who face criminal charges as a result of their actions or omissions in the performance of duty as a law enforcement officer. A member, not acting in the scope of his/her employment, is specifically excluded from this benefit.

This benefit does not constitute a contract, but rather a gratuity from the Metropolitan Alliance of Police. Accordingly, it may be administered at the Metropolitan Alliance of Police’s sole discretion.

Who is Covered

All sworn law enforcement officers, correctional officers, and certain non-sworn law enforcement employees, who by their positions, may be responsible to intervene in or report certain actions by sworn law enforcement officers.

Individuals must be active members or Legal Defense members of MAP and in good standing. A member in good standing is being a fully paid-up dues member, prior to the date of the incident leading to any/all criminal charge(s). No coverage will be considered for any offenses occurring before the individual began paying dues. MAP retains, at its sole discretion, the authority to exempt this or any provision of the benefit.

Benefits

Subject to the terms and conditions contained within this agreement, qualifying members are eligible for the following payments to assist with the defense of the criminal charges levied against them. Misdemeanor charges must subject the sworn officer to decertification.

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| • Qualifying Misdemeanor charges | \$2,500 | Maximum |
| • Class 4 to Class 2 Felony | \$10,000 | Maximum |
| • Class 1 and Class X Felony | \$15,000 | Maximum |
| • Murder | \$25,000 | Maximum |



Application Process

Upon receipt of the attached Legal Defense Application, the application will be reviewed by MAP Legal Defense Committee. The Legal Defense Committee will have the sole discretion on the approval of all payments. Members may appeal the Legal Defense Committee's determination to the full MAP Board of Directors.

Disbursements

Benefits will be a one-time payment to the member, or at the members direction, may be paid directly to the member's legal counsel. The member is responsible for hiring legal representation (licensed attorney) in their matter. Members are only eligible for one payout per incident. Multiple charges are considered one incident.

Reimbursement

The member agrees if a civil suit, settlement, or other litigation causes the member to receive reimbursement for their legal/attorney fees, MAP, at its discretion, may request and shall be entitled to reimbursement for the benefits paid to the member.