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WASHINGTON, D.C., OCT. 20, 1971 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole has joined in cosponsoring an amendment to the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide a \$50,000 survivor's benefit to the families of police officers, prison guards, and firemen killed in the line of duty.

Senator Dole said, "These men and women live daily with unusual danger to their well-being, and this risk is just as great whether they serve at the Federal, state or local level."

"The number of deaths of police officers, prison guards and firemen is, unfortunately, on the rise. Yet state and local survivors' benefits are often small or non-existent."

The Kansas Senator continued, "I believe it is time we show our gratitude for the sacrifices of these servants and their families by enacting this death benefit legislation."