



## **Our Programs**

Donations to the First Responders Foundation support our key programs and provide additional funds for materials, equipment, and other initiatives for the police and fire departments. We work directly with each chief to prioritize resources so donations go to where they are needed most.

You may choose which programs, resources, or wish list items your donation supports, or it will be allocated to the area that will give your gift the greatest impact. As a nonprofit, the programs and resources we provide are privately funded and not connected to the city budget.

Read on to learn more about some of the programs we support that truly make a difference.

## **#SupportBlue Campaign**

The #SupportBlue campaign recognizes and shows support for our brothers and sisters in law enforcement who put their lives on the line for us each and every day to make the community a better, safer place to live. The campaign has grown into a social media movement since its launch in early 2015, in part because of the community's response in the aftermath of OPD officer Kerrie Orozco's tragic death, and it has received national attention and inspired other grassroots efforts aimed at supporting police. The campaign works to publicly recognize officers and educate other police departments on positive community-police relations.

## **Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detector Program**

We partner with the Omaha Fire Department to provide and install free, tamper-proof, and long-lasting combination alarms in every home in under-served areas. We want Omaha to be the first city in the country to have all the homes in low-income areas protected with this critically important device that saves lives and keeps people safe in their homes.

## **Youth Athletic Program**

We collaborate with PACE (Police Athletics for Community Engagement) to fund free athletics for at-risk youth in North and South Omaha. Police officers volunteer as coaches and mentors in soccer, baseball, and volleyball for kids from poverty-stricken areas to encourage them to become productive citizens by keeping them off the streets, out of gangs, and drug-free.