

MN Legal Defense Plan Comparison

Member Benefits	LELS / MPPOA	MNPEA	MN FOP	National FOP	Teamsters	AFSCME
Cost per year*	Included in Monthly Dues	Included in Monthly Dues	\$175	\$310	\$86.88	N/A
Plan attorneys*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Critical incident coverage	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Unlimited attorney fee coverage*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Unlimited case expense coverage*	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
24/7 attorney access	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
Coverage for sworn members	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Coverage for essential service members*	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
Criminal and Civil defense coverage – on duty	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
P.O.S.T. Board Hearing coverage – job related or not	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Local LDF plan administrator	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Covers duty-related incidents outside of MN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Line of Duty death benefit recovery for family members	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Files “Friend of the Court” briefs before the MN Supreme Court in cases of general importance to law enforcement	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

*See attached notes for detailed information.

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- All the organizations' legal defense plans require membership in the association.
- MPPOA membership dues per year: \$152.00 for groups, \$200.00 for individuals and \$52.00 for associate members.
- MPPOA LDF offers members 24-hour access to the top criminal defense attorneys in the State of Minnesota.
- MN FOP exclusively uses the Fowler law firm for their Legal Defense Plan coverage.
- MN FOP limit case expenses to a maximum of \$5,000. Teamsters limits investigative fees to \$5,000 and expert witness fees to \$5,000. Case expenses include expert witness fees, transcript fees, appellate fees, private investigator fees, filing fees and miscellaneous costs associated with trial preparation and trial proceedings. A mid-level case averages \$70,000 and a high-profile case with felony charges can exceed \$400,000.
- MPPOA provides coverage for all Essential and Non-Essential Members including dispatchers, corrections officers, firefighters, and public safety support professionals.
- Teamsters provides coverage to Essential Members only.
- Teamsters provides different coverage and has limitations if you choose to use a plan attorney or non-plan attorney.
- MN FOP provides coverage to Essential Members only.
- MPPOA and Teamsters provide coverage for off-duty incidents only if participant is acting within the scope of their employment.
- Departmental disciplinary coverage is not covered by MPPOA because 98% of our members are represented in these matters by their union, for which they pay dues.