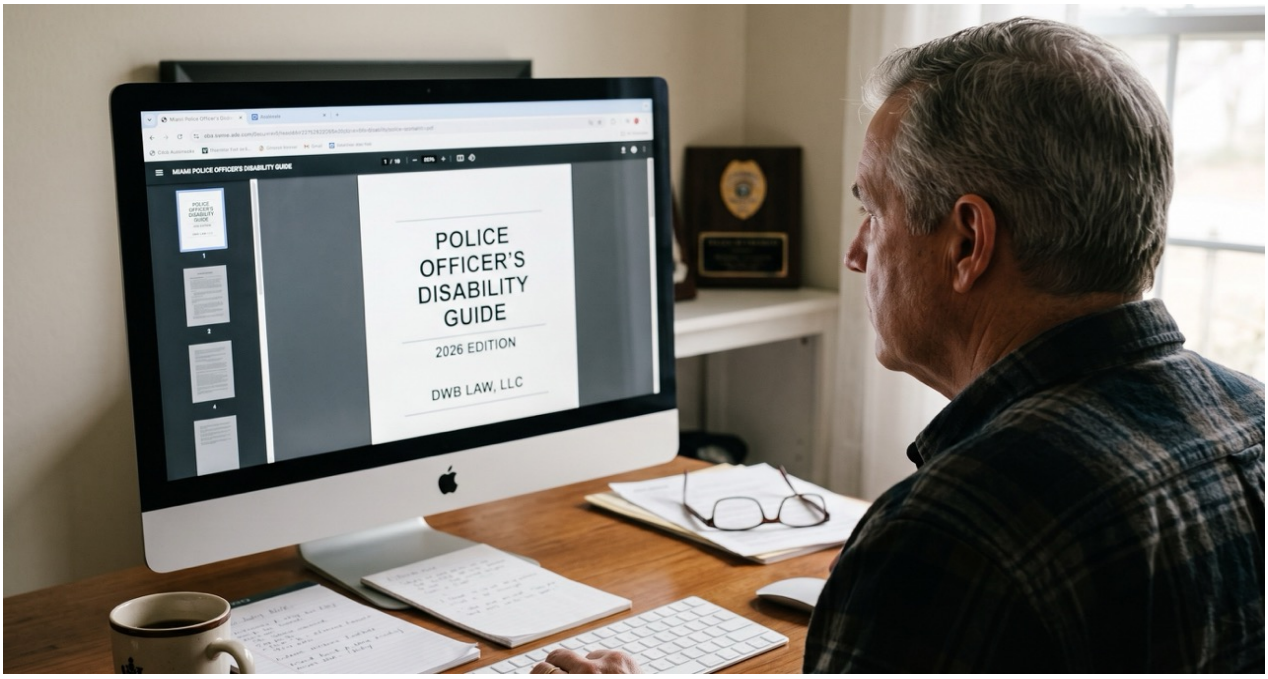


DWB LAW Releases Free 2026 Disability Benefits Guide for Police Officers

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DWB LAW, LLC, a North Miami disability benefits law firm led by attorney David Batchelder, announced the release of its free Miami Police Officer's Disability Guide (2026 Edition), a comprehensive resource written specifically for active and retired law enforcement officers across Miami-Dade and Broward counties. The guide is available for instant download, at no cost and with no obligation, at disabledworkersbenefits.com/workers-guide.

Police officers who become disabled face a benefits landscape that looks very different from the one most workers encounter. An officer's claim may involve Social Security Disability Insurance, Supplemental Security Income, Florida workers' compensation, line-of-duty disability benefits, and a municipal or state pension, all at once, and each program has its own rules, deadlines, and evidence standards. Decisions made in one system can affect what an officer receives from another. The new guide was developed to help officers and their families understand how these programs fit together before a costly mistake is made.

The guide created by the social security disability lawyer addresses the issues that set law enforcement claims apart, including line-of-duty injury rules, Florida's heart and hypertension presumptions for first

responders, pension disability and benefit coordination, and the documentation of PTSD and other mental health conditions. It also explains how body camera footage and incident reports can serve as evidence, what medical records Social Security and workers' compensation adjusters look for, and how to move through the appeals process if a claim is denied. That last point matters: roughly two out of three initial Social Security Disability applications are denied, according to Social Security Administration data, often because of incomplete medical evidence, missed deadlines, or unfamiliarity with the process.

DWB LAW has previously spoken about the challenges in representation for severe or complex medical conditions, and the police guide applies those lessons to the realities of law enforcement work, helping officers present the full scope of their limitations rather than one diagnosis at a time.

"Officers spend their careers protecting this community, and when an injury or illness ends that career, they deserve a clear path to the benefits they have earned," said David Batchelder of DWB LAW, LLC. "The standard disability guidance doesn't account for line-of-duty rules, the heart and hypertension presumption, or the way pension benefits interact with Social Security. We wrote this guide so officers and their families can understand the whole picture and avoid the errors that lead to denials."

The police officer's guide is part of a growing series of occupation-specific resources from DWB LAW. The firm also publishes The Miami Disabled Worker's Guide to Winning Your Benefits, a sixteen-section general guide to Social Security Disability, SSI, Florida workers' compensation, and the appeals process, along with dedicated guides for firefighters, paramedics, and EMS personnel and for Florida nurses. All guides are available free of charge on the firm's website.

DWB LAW, LLC represents clients throughout Florida in Social Security Disability and workers' compensation matters, including initial applications, reconsideration appeals, and hearings before administrative law judges. The firm serves communities across Miami-Dade and Broward counties, including Miami, North Miami, Miami Beach, Hialeah, Aventura, Coral Gables, Fort Lauderdale, Pembroke Pines, Hollywood, and Miramar, and offers both in-office and virtual consultations. Disability cases are handled on a contingency basis, with no fee unless the client wins.

Officers, retirees, family members, and union or association representatives can download the guide at disabledworkersbenefits.com/workers-guide or request a consultation by calling (305) 371-8127.

About DWB LAW, LLC

DWB LAW, LLC is a North Miami law firm dedicated to helping disabled workers secure Social Security Disability and workers' compensation benefits. Led by attorney David Batchelder, the firm guides clients through every stage of the process, from initial applications through appeals and administrative hearings. The firm is located at 11900 Biscayne Blvd, Suite 280, North Miami, FL 33181.

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