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Hi Terri,

Your questions were forwarded to me by the Selected Committee on Pension Policy staff. My name is Seth Miller, and I work for the Department of Retirement Systems.

When any retiree passes away (from any of the state retirement plans including LEOFF 1), if they do not have a survivor or beneficiary listed on their retirement account, any remaining contributions and interest associated with the account are paid to their estate of the retiree. Generally, those contributions and interest are exhausted within 3-5 years of the initial retirement. It would not go back to the trust or the general fund, though DRS may hold the funds as we find a representative of for the estate to make the payment to. For that reason, there is not a dollar value to provide you.

Hope that helps but please let me know if you have any other questions.
Seth

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From: Terri MacMillan <tmacmillancrist@gmail.com>
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When a single LEOFF1 Police Officer or Firefighters passes away after retirement and there are no beneficiaries.....Where does his/her pension benefit go? Does it go back into the LEOFF1 trust for reinvestment along with the core or does it go into the general fund?

How many single LEOFF1 Police Officers or Firefighters have there been since LEOFF1 inception that meet the above criteria, single upon retirement and no one gets their pension? What would the dollar value of that amount be to date, 2025?

Thank you for your time.
Terri MacMillan, VP of RSPOA
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