

First Responder Presumed Coverage Fund Application for Benefits

Pursuant to Public Act 515 of 2014 the First Responder Presumed Coverage Fund was created. (AKA Cancer Presumption Law)

The Director of the Workers' Compensation Agency is the administrator of the Fund. The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) has created a webpage explaining the process to apply for benefits.

[ANYONE that meets the criteria listed on this webpage](#) should FIRST SUBMIT A WORKERS COMP CLAIM with your employer.

After that workers comp claim has been submitted you should then complete the [application](#) for benefits on the LARA website listed above.

If you have any questions on the administration of this fund, you may also contact the Claims Processing Division at 517-284-8912.

You can also watch this informative previously [recorded webinar](#) for additional information.

Call the MPFFU office for other general questions. 734-675-0206

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In order to submit an application the first responder must:

- Be a member of a fully paid fire department or public fire authority and be compensated on a full-time basis,
- Be in active service of the department or authority for at least 60 months,
- Be diagnosed with any respiratory tract, bladder, skin, brain, kidney, blood, thyroid, testicular, prostate, or lymphatic cancer,
- Be employed in the active service of the department or authority **at the time** the cancer manifests itself, **and** be exposed to the hazards incidental to fire suppression, rescue, or emergency medical services in the performance of his or her work-related duties,
- First apply for and do all things necessary to qualify for any pension benefits to which he or she may be entitled.

The application for benefits from the First Responder Presumed Coverage Fund suspends the employee's workers' compensation claim against his or her employer.

The statutory presumption may be rebutted by scientific evidence that the person was a substantial and consistent user of cigarettes or other tobacco products within the 10 years immediately preceding the date of injury, and that this use was a significant factor in the cause, aggravation, or progression of the cancer.

The submission of an application does not guarantee the right to benefits under the Workers' Disability Compensation Act.

The application **must** be submitted via U.S. Mail attention: Workers' Disability Compensation Agency, First Responders Presumed Coverage Fund, P. O. Box 30016, Lansing, MI 48909.

[Select for the Application for First Responder Presumed Coverage.](#)

Pursuant to Public Act 248 of 2016 monies will be available to the fund on September 22, 2016 and the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (now an Agency within Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity) may not implement the Fund until funded. Thus no activity on any submitted application may take place until that date. However, any application received prior to that date will be logged based on the date received by our office.

If you have any questions on the administration of this fund, you may contact Tammy Ordiway at 517-284-8969.