

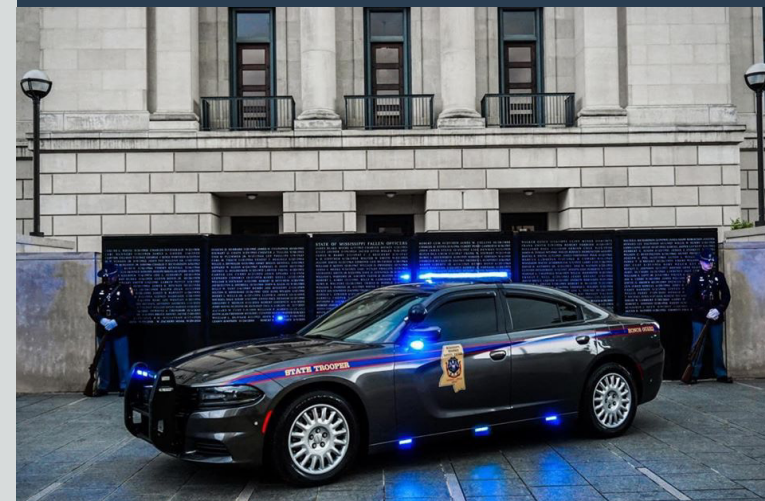


The Office of the Attorney General recognizes and appreciates all that our law enforcement and first responders do for our communities and our State. It is an honor and privilege to support them in their mission to be there for others in their time of need. Just as they serve others when they get the call, we will be here to stand with them when they need assistance, too.



LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIREFIGHTER BENEFITS AND RESOURCES

FOR FIRST RESPONDERS INJURED IN
THE LINE OF DUTY



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Taking care of your mental health is as important as managing your physical health. Firefighters and EMS providers face the risk of many behavioral health concerns such as anxiety, depression, burnout, post-traumatic stress disorder, and addiction, among others.

The NVFC's Share the Load™ program provides access to critical resources and information to help first responders and their families manage and overcome personal and work-related problems 24 hours a day.



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CopLine is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 dedicated to serving active and retired law enforcement officers and their loved ones by providing CONFIDENTIAL 24/7 trained retired officers for callers that are dealing with various stressors law enforcement officers encounter both on and off the job. Whether it is just a "bad day" or a crisis we are here to listen. We are able to assist with a referral to a culturally competent mental health professional.



Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Disability Benefits Trust Fund

If the covered individual receives workers' compensation benefits in addition to benefits from the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Disability Benefits Trust Fund, then payments from the Fund will be limited to the difference between workers' compensation benefits and the amount of the covered individual's regular base salary. The statute does not cover EMTs who are not employed as firefighters or law enforcement officers.

To find out more or to file a claim, visit www.ago.state.ms.us/divisions/bureau-of-victim-assistance/#leoffdbtf or contact the Office of the Attorney General at (601) 359-6766 or LEOFFFund@ago.ms.gov.



First Responders of Mississippi

The Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Disability Benefits Trust Fund was created by the Mississippi Legislature to provide disability benefits to career and volunteer law enforcement officers and fire fighters who are accidentally or intentionally injured in the line of duty.

ELIGIBILITY

Any actively employed law enforcement officer or fire fighter who is accidentally or intentionally injured in the line of duty as the direct result of a single incident is eligible to receive benefits.

The individual must be employed by a state board, commission, department, division, bureau, or agency, or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state. Chronic or repetitive injury is not covered. Employees of independent contractors are not eligible.

Applications must be filed with the Mississippi Attorney General's Office within twelve (12) months of the date of injury.

BENEFIT PAYMENTS

Once the application is approved, the Mississippi Attorney General's Office will make a monthly disability benefit payment equal to thirty-four percent (34%) of the covered individual's regular base salary at the time of injury.

The benefit is payable for the period of time the covered individual is physically unable to perform the duties of his or her employment not to exceed twelve (12) total payments for any one (1) injury.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITY

MS Office of Student Financial Aid

www.msfinancialaid.org/law/

The Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen Scholarship Program offers financial assistance to dependent children and spouses of any Mississippi law enforcement officer, full-time firefighter or volunteer firefighter who has suffered fatal injuries or wounds or become permanently and totally disabled as a result of injuries or wounds which occurred in the performance of the official and appointed duties of his or her office. This financial assistance is offered as an eight-semester tuition and room scholarship at any state-supported college or university in Mississippi.



FirstRespondersofMS.com

First Responders of Mississippi (FROM) is a nonprofit organization that provides services to First Responders in their greatest time of need. FROM was created to make a positive difference in the lives of First Responder organizations, the heroes themselves, and their families, no matter the challenge.

AREAS OF FOCUS INCLUDE

- Life Saving Equipment
- Behavioral Health Prevention Education
- Training
- Behavioral Health Referrals, including Trauma, and Addiction-Related issues
- Disaster Relief for First Responders

Visit First Responders of Mississippi's website at firstrespondersofms.com to apply, donate or locate additional resources. To find out more, contact First Responders of Mississippi at (601) 540-4423 or info@firstrespondersofms.com.