

Workers' Compensation: Volunteer Firefighter, Emergency Medical Personnel, or Hazardous Materials Response Team

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A volunteer firefighter, emergency medical services personnel, or hazardous material response team volunteer, who is injured or killed while providing their duties, is entitled to workers' compensation.

Coverage under workers' compensation and occupational diseases acts

(a) A:

- (1) volunteer firefighter, a member of the emergency medical services personnel, or an emergency medical technician working in a volunteer capacity for a volunteer fire department or ambulance company is covered; and
- (2) volunteer working for a hazardous materials response team may be covered;

by the medical treatment and burial expense provisions of the worker's compensation law (IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6) and the worker's occupational diseases law (IC 22-3-7).

(b) If compensability of the injury is an issue, the administrative procedures of IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6 and IC 22-3-7 shall be used to determine the issue.

(c) This subsection applies to all units, including counties. All expenses incurred for premiums of the insurance allowed under this section may be paid from the unit's general fund in the same manner as other expenses in the unit are paid.