

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



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To Whom It May Concern:

The Mississippi Legislature created the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Disability Benefits Trust Fund to provide disability benefits to 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. On July 1, 2006, the Attorney General's Office began administering the Fund and developed policies and procedures for its implementation.

Effective January 1, 2011, volunteer fire fighters and reserve/auxiliary law enforcement officers are now eligible to receive benefits from the fund if approved.

The Attorney General's Office is authorized to make a monthly disability benefit payment equal to 34% of the injured individual's regular base salary. The benefit is payable for the period of time the individual is physically unable to perform the duties of his or her employment (not to exceed 12 total payments for any one injury). If the individual is receiving workers' compensation benefits in addition to benefits from the Fund, then payments from the Fund will be limited to the difference between workers' compensation benefits and the amount of the injured individual's regular base salary.

Injured individuals meeting the Fund's criteria are encouraged to apply for benefits. **Please post this information to ensure employees are made aware of these benefits.** Additional information can be obtained by visiting our website at <http://www.agjimhood.com>.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the dedication and hard work provided to all Mississippians by our law enforcement officers and fire fighters. Should you have any questions, please contact the Fund Administrator at (601) 359-3810 or by e-mail at msag02@ago.state.ms.us.

Sincerely,

Jim Hood
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