

Post Traumatic Stress Injury for First Responders

Idaho Code §§ 72-451(4) through 72-451(7)

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Post Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) is compensable without an accident or accompanying physical injury if:

1. A first responder is examined and diagnosed with PTSI by a psychologist, a psychiatrist, or a counselor trained in post-traumatic stress injury;

AND

2. Clear and convincing evidence indicates the PTSI was caused by event(s) arising out of and in the course of employment. The claimant should provide date, time, and detailed description of the event(s) that triggered the PTSI.

Who is covered?

1. A [peace officer](#) employed by a city, county or the Idaho State Police
2. A [firefighter](#)
3. A [volunteer emergency responder](#) (includes volunteer firefighters and volunteer police officers)
4. [Emergency medical service provider](#) and an ambulance-based clinician
5. [Emergency dispatcher](#)

Exclusions from coverage:

1. Personnel-related action
2. Disciplinary action
3. Changes in job duties
4. Job evaluation
5. Employment termination

PTSI claimant is treated like any other injured worker. All standard workers' compensation benefits are available to qualifying first responders.

Visit www.legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2019/legislation/S1028 for more information.