

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for the payment of \$250,000 to the survivors of a fireman or law enforcement officer who dies in the performance of his official duties.

Existing law provides an irrebuttable presumption that a fireman whose death is the direct and proximate result of a heart attack or a stroke died as the direct and proximate result of an injury sustained in the performance of his official duties, thereby making his survivors eligible for payment pursuant to existing law.

Existing law provides that the irrebuttable presumption exists if, while on duty, the fireman engages in a stressful or physical activity or participates in a stressful or strenuous physical training exercise and the heart attack or stroke occurs while he is engaged in the activity, while he is on duty after engaging in the activity, or no later than 24 hours after the activity. Existing law further provides that the list of stressful or physical activities include fire suppression, rescue, hazardous material response, emergency medical services, disaster relief, or other emergency response activity.

New law makes the presumption applicable to law enforcement officers. New law also adds foot pursuits, use of force encounters, hostage and victim rescues, and tactical missions to the list of stressful or physical activities and makes the list applicable to firemen and law enforcement officers.

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(Amends R.S. 40:1665.1(A), (C), and (D))