

RULE 116

ARKANSAS FIREFIGHTER CANCER RELIEF TRUST FUND

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SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

This Rule is issued pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 21-5-110(d) and Section Three (3) of Act 823 of 2019, “An Act To Create The Arkansas Firefighter Cancer Relief Network Trust Fund.” These provisions require the Arkansas Insurance Department (“Department”) to promulgate rules necessary to implement the Arkansas Firefighter Cancer Relief Network Trust Fund.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Rule is to implement the Arkansas Firefighter Cancer Relief Network Trust Fund Program (“Program”) and to establish procedures for providing funds donated under Ark. Code Ann. § 21-5-110 for relief of firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer and participating in a firefighter cancer relief network under Ark. Code Ann. § 21-5-110.

SECTION 3. ARKANSAS FIREFIGHTER CANCER RELIEF FUND PROGRAM

A. Arkansas Firefighter Cancer Relief Fund Board

The Arkansas Association of Fire Chiefs, Arkansas Professional Fire Fighters Association, and the Arkansas State Firefighters Association shall establish a board to set or establish eligibility and award amount requirements for funds received which are to be distributed in this Program. This board shall be named the “Arkansas Firefighter Cancer Relief Fund Board” (hereafter, the “Board.”). The Board shall consist of seven (7) persons appointed by the Governor from the three (3) Associations. Each member shall serve two (2) year terms. The Board shall meet biannually, at such times and dates, as determined by the Board. Board meetings shall be conducted at the Department. The Board shall elect a chairperson to preside over the Board for a two (2) year term. The Board shall hold its first meeting within thirty (30) days following the approval by the Governor of all of the nominated Board members.

B. Eligibility and Award Amount Requirements and Procedures

Within sixty (60) days following the first meeting of the Board, the Board shall establish, in writing, eligibility criteria and award standards for firefighters, who are diagnosed with cancer, that are eligible for funds under this Program. Within sixty (60) days following the first meeting of the Board, the Board shall also establish deposit and distribution process with the Department for donations received under Section 3 (C) of this Rule. Nothing in this Rule or Program hereby provides or vests any person with a legal or administrative right to any funds collected under this Program. This Program is discretionary and charitable in nature.

C. Donation Process To The Arkansas Firefighter Cancer Relief Trust Fund

Individuals or businesses may make donations to the Program by making donations payable to the “Arkansas Firefighter Cancer Relief Trust Fund” (“Fund”). The Board may consult with the Commissioner pertaining to the administration of this Fund, related to receipt of donated funds, deposit procedures, and distribution of funds to awarded firefighters. The Board shall designate and publish the requisite contact information and describe the donation process for individuals or companies donating to this Program. The Department may assist the Board in developing any necessary administrative forms for donation amount certifications, and public notice information about the process for making donations to this Program.

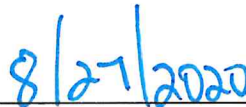
SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Rule shall be effective on September 3, 2020.



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