

**KWORCC Select Claims Reports**

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## Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Harper County	Date of Injury:	02/19/2019
Claim No.:	19758951	Job Description:	Heavy Equipment Operator
Employee Age:	65	Updated:	03/18/2019
AWW:	699.62	TTD Rate:	446.43
Attorneys:	none	Employer:	none

Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
<b>Reserves:</b>	\$ 115,550.00	\$ 16,464.33	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 13,582.50	\$ 146,096.83
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,339.29	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,354.29
<b>Outstanding:</b>	\$ 115,550.00	\$ 15,125.04	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 13,567.50	\$ 144,742.54

**Accident Description / Nature of Injury:**

- While exiting a loader machine the claimant slipped and fell on a patch of snow and ice breaking his lower ankle

**Investigation / Compensability:**

- The claimant was in the course and scope of his employment and on the county owned and maintained property, accepted as compensable

**Medical Management:**

- The claimant was transferred to Wesley Trauma Center in Wichita for surgery by Dr. Corrigan to repair his left lateral malleolus fracture. Once stable he was transferred back to Harper Hospital in Anthony, KS where he remains in an inpatient swing bed rehabilitation unit.

**Periods of Disability:**

- The claimant is estimated to be off of work between 12-16 weeks

**Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:**

- It is estimated that the claimant will have an impairment rating of 12% to the lower leg once MMI

**Subrogation / Other Issues:**

- The claimant is a widow and has no close family or friends to assist him, we have assigned a nurse case manager to help assist with his needs while in the inpatient rehab and to help integrate him back into his home afterwards.

**Plan of Action:**

- We will work with the employer to find an accommodated position for the claimant to return to work once allowed to do so
- Ultimately we will we strive for a full and final closure of the file through settlement of his claim



## Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Stevens County	Date of Injury:	02/23/2019
Claim No.:	19760488	Job Description:	Law Enforcement
Employee Age:	54	Updated:	03/18/2019
AWW:	836.07	TTD Rate:	557.40
Attorneys:	none	Employer:	none

Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
<b>Reserves:</b>	\$ 79,050.00	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 11,857.50	\$ 104,007.50
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,672.20	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,672.20
<b>Outstanding:</b>	\$ 79,050.00	\$ 10,927.80	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 11,857.50	\$ 102,335.30

### Accident Description / Nature of Injury:

- The employee was injured as he slipped and fell on the ice near his patrol vehicle. He fell to the ground and landed on his left shoulder resulting in a left humerus displaced fracture.

### Investigation / Compensability:

- The employee denied pre-existing however our investigation showed he had a prior surgery to the same shoulder within the past 4 years. His fracture was determined to be acute however a tear repaired at the time may have been pre-existing and is being investigated.

### Medical Management:

- The claimant was hospitalized at SouthWest Medical Center for repair of his displaced left arm fracture by Dr. Ansari. He has been released from the hospital and is now awaiting his post-operative treatment plan.

### Periods of Disability:

- The claimant's supervisor has a zero light duty policy, even though the claimant injured his non-dominant arm. He is estimated to be off of work a full 12 weeks.

### Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:

- The claimant is expected to have a partial impairment and the file has been reserved for the same

### Subrogation / Other Issues:

- It is concerning that the employee withheld medical information regarding a prior injury and treatment when directly questioned regarding the same.
- Investigation will be made to determine if the tear repaired at the time of the fracture was pre-existing in nature and if so we will attempt partial reimbursement from his personal health care provider

### Plan of Action:

- We will continue to work with the employer to attempt to bring claimant back in a light duty position
- Ultimately once at MMI we will strive for a full and final settlement with the claimant