

# **KWORCC Select Claims Report**

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## Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Geary County	Date of Injury:	06/04/2021
Claim No.:	21852003	Job Description:	Warrant Clerk
Employee Age:	41	Updated:	8/16/2021
AWW:	612.13	TTD Rate:	408.10
Attorneys:	N/A	Employer:	N/A
Adjuster:	Amanda Chamberland		

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
<b>Reserves:</b>	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 10,161.69	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,665.00	\$ 30,226.69
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$ 1,686.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 153.14	\$ 1,839.64
<b>Outstanding:</b>	\$ 15,113.50	\$ 10,161.69	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,511.86	\$ 28,387.05

### Accident Description / Nature of Injury:

- This employee has worked for the county since 2017. On 6/4/2021 she reported to her employer that she was having pain in her right wrist and hand from typing, filing and writing. She was later diagnosed with bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome.

### Investigation / Compensability:

- My investigation showed that the employee participated in outside activities which may have affected her wrist and hand such as beading, crafting crochet, etc. The specialist acknowledges that she has multiple hobbies in his medical report. Although her outside activities are likely contributory, given that she works 40 hrs. per week in a position solely involving usage of the involved extremities her home activities will not be the primary (51% of larger) cause. Additionally, she asserts she has been unable to do these activities for some time and the ceasing of the activities has not stopped her symptoms; they have only increased. The claim is accepted as compensable.

### Medical Management:

- A nerve conduction study was authorized of the bilateral extremities showing severe bilateral carpal tunnel. A referral to hand specialist Dr. Melhorn was initiated. The claimant was recommended to have bilateral carpal tunnel releases which have been approved. The claimant is expected to have a limited post-surgical physical therapy regimen then be released.

### Periods of Disability:

- The employee has not missed any time from work and is working in an accommodated position.

### Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:

- The employee is expected to receive a PPI rating of 6% to the body as a whole and her file is reserved for the same.

### Subrogation / Other Issues:

N/A

### Plan of Action:

- I will review the medical records to determine if the employee is progressing and if any intervention is needed
- Once the claimant is released from care, I will request a PPI rating and attempt to settle her file full and final



## Claim Summary – Reserve Authority

Employer:	Greenwood County	Date of Injury:	03/09/2021
Claim No.:	21843822	Job Description:	Volunteer FF/PT Mechanic
Employee Age:	31	Updated:	8/16/2021
AWW:	Volunteer- max rate	TTD Rate:	687.00
Attorneys:	N/A	Employer:	N/A
Adjuster:	Amanda Chamberland		

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
<b>Reserves:</b>	\$ 58,500.00	\$ 39,880.05	\$ 0.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 8,775.00	\$ 107,705.05
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$ 5,077.47	\$ 11,679.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,150.86	\$ 17,907.33
<b>Outstanding:</b>	\$ 53,422.53	\$ 28,201.05	\$ 0.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 7,624.14	\$ 89,797.72

**Accident Description / Nature of Injury:**

- The claimant was at the scene of a fire supervising & running a pump in a firetruck in his role as a volunteer firefighter. The truck was parked on a hill and began to roll backwards. The employee attempted to stop it but was unable to get into the cab. He pushed off of the engine with his right foot and fell to the ground. Both sets of dual tires ran over the lower portion of his left leg.

**Investigation / Compensability:**

- The claimant denied prior care to his lower extremities. My investigation showed there was care to his lower leg including a recommended MRI before our injury. The prevailing factor was addressed and work is found to be the prevailing factor in his need for ongoing care. The claim is accepted as compensable.

**Medical Management:**

- After a period of conservative care at Flint Hills Clinic including light duty the employee was referred to Dr. Prohaska at Advanced Orthopedics for further assessment. The employee originally alleged injury to the left leg only. He later complained of right knee injury as well. Based on our prior records investigation we asked the doctor to address the relation of his right knee to the current event as well as the possible aggravation of his prior medical issues with the same extremities. Dr. Prohaska opined that both his left and right knee injuries including meniscus tears are directly related to the work event. He requested bilateral arthroscopies and meniscectomies to both knees. This is authorized and will be performed in the near future.

**Periods of Disability:**

- The claimant is a max wage earner due to his volunteer status and has been off of work appx. 17 weeks. He is anticipated to remain off of work post-surgery.

**Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:**

- The claimant is estimated to receive a PPI rating of 7% to the body as a whole and the file is reserved for the same

**Subrogation / Other Issues:**

- N/A

**Plan of Action:**

- I will work with the employer to bring the claimant back to his part time mechanic position after his surgery
- I will review the medical as the claimant progresses to ensure that he is treating only for the acute event not for any prior underlying medical conditions
- Once the clmt is at MMI I will request a rating report and attempt to settle the file with the clamant full and final



## Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Morton County	Date of Injury:	08/15/2021
Claim No.:	21858419	Job Description:	Volunteer FF
Employee Age:	42	Updated:	8/17/2021
AWW:	Volunteer	TTD Rate:	\$737- max rate
Attorneys:	N/A	Employer:	N/A

Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
<b>Reserves:</b>	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 361,908.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 398,258.00
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Outstanding:</b>	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 361,908.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 398,258.00

**Accident Description / Nature of Injury:**

- On 8/15/2021 the claimant was called to the scene of a rollover vehicle accident. He exited the vehicle and began to look for victims of the crash. A power pole and line was damaged by the accident. As the Firefighter walked under the power line, the current jumped and entered his head killing him instantly.

**Investigation / Compensability:**

- The employee was in the course and scope of his volunteer duties at the time of the event and the claim is accepted as compensable

**Medical Management:**

- Emergency CPR was attempted at location of the accident without success. A life watch air ambulance was called. The employee was taken via ground ambulance to the emergency room at Morton Health Systems. He was declared dead on arrival at the hospital.

**Periods of Disability:**

- N/A Deceased

**Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:**

- The claimant as a volunteer is subject to the max wage earner benefit rate, which will be provided to his widow and dependents to a cap of \$300,000. This is to be exceeded only by children up to age 23 in continued education.
- The initial investigation shows the claimant has four children, of the four two are eligible for benefits a 21 year old in college and a 15 year old in high school.

**Subrogation / Other Issues:**

- Subrogation will be investigated and pursued as applicable.

**Plan of Action:**

- Confirmation of adult children ages and school attendance is to be confirmed
- A likely conservatorship is to be completed for minor child
- A meeting will be scheduled to present the initial checks to the widow in person in Rolla, KS
- Death benefits will be monitored and provided until benefit cap is met.



## Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Pottawatomie County	Date of Injury:	06/24/2021
Claim No.:	21854246	Job Description:	Sheriff Deputy
Employee Age:	56	Updated:	8/16/2021
AWW:	665.16	TTD Rate:	443.46
Attorneys:	N/A	Employer:	N/A

Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
<b>Reserves:</b>	\$ 31,300.00	\$ 9,756.12	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 4,820.00	\$ 46,476.12
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$ 95.38	\$ 443.46	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.36	\$ 549.20
<b>Outstanding:</b>	\$ 31,204.62	\$ 9,312.66	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 4,809.64	\$ 45,926.92

**Accident Description / Nature of Injury:**

- On 6/24/2021 the employee participated in active shooting training. He was in the process of going up and down flights of stairs as part of this training. He was in full uniform and “gear” moving at a fast/hurried pace. He heard multiple pops in his left knee during this process followed by pain and swelling to the knee.

**Investigation / Compensability:**

- The claimant was in the scope and course of his employment, the event is accepted as compensable
- He has a history of prior care to the same extremity, however our investigation showed that his prior care is not relatable nor contributable to the current medical condition

**Medical Management:**

- The employee treated at Westmoreland Clinic for several weeks with medication and light duty recommended with no relief. An MRI was ordered which showed a posterior horn medial meniscus tear. The claimant was referred to Dr. Palmgren at Orthopedics and Sports Medicine of Manhattan. Per Dr. Palmgren the claimant is in need of a left knee arthroscopy. This has been approved and the surgery will soon be performed.

**Periods of Disability:**

- The employee is off of work at this time as the employer is unable to accommodate his restrictions. He is expected to return to work light duty after his surgery is performed.

**Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:**

- The claimant is anticipated to receive a PPI rating of 7% to the left knee and the file is reserved for the same

**Subrogation / Other Issues:**

- N/A

**Plan of Action:**

- I will work with the employer to bring the employee back to a modified duty position
- I will review the medical records to determine if the employee is progressing and if any intervention is needed
- Once the claimant is released from care I will request a PPI rating and attempt to settle his file full and final