

# **KWORCC Select Claims Report**

**Presented April 28, 2022**



## Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Cowley County	Date of Injury:	04/15/2022
Claim No.:	22882779	Job Description:	Deputy
Employee Age:	24	Updated:	4/18/2022
AWW:	\$776.58	TTD Rate:	\$517.74
Attorneys:	N/A	Employer:	N/A

Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
<b>Reserves:</b>	\$ 64,500.00	\$ 9,476.20	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 9,675.00	\$ 84,251.20
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Outstanding:</b>	\$ 64,500.00	\$ 9,476.20	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 9,675.00	\$ 84,251.20

**Accident Description / Nature of Injury:**

- While responding to a suspicious person call, the employee was shot by the suspect resulting in a shattered ulnar bone near his left forearm.

**Investigation / Compensability:**

- The employee was in the course and scope of his employment and the claim is accepted as compensable.

**Medical Management:**

- The claimant treated at Wesley Hospital where he had emergency surgery performed to include titanium rod placement in the left lower arm. He will recheck with Dr. Corrigan of Advanced Orthopedics on an ongoing basis.

**Periods of Disability:**

- The claimant is off of work but expected to return to work in a light duty position as of 4/28/2022.

**Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:**

- The employee is expected to PPI rating of 5-7% and the file is reserved for the same.

**Subrogation / Other Issues:**

- The suspect was killed during the gun exchange, no restitution will be pursued.

**Plan of Action:**

- I will work with the employer and provider to return the employee to a light duty position as able.
- I will monitor the progression of the employee to ensure he is healing as expected.
- Once the clmt is at MMI I will request PPI rating and attempt to settle the claim, full and final.



## Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Sherman County	Date of Injury:	02/18/2022
Claim No.:	22877357	Job Description:	Road and Bridge Supervisor
Employee Age:	56	Updated:	4/07/2022
AWW:	754.42	TTD Rate:	502.97
Attorneys:	N/A	Employer:	N/A

Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
<b>Reserves:</b>	\$ 34,650.00	\$ 9,053.46	\$ 0.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 5,029.50	\$ 49,282.96
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$ 1,273.71	\$ 1,292.63	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 59.78	\$ 2,626.12
<b>Outstanding:</b>	\$ 33,376.29	\$ 7,760.83	\$ 0.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 4,969.72	\$ 46,656.84

**Accident Description / Nature of Injury:**

- While exiting a motor grader, the employee used three point contact to descend the stairs. He stepped out with his left leg and then let go of the handle as he planted his right foot down and felt his left knee pivot and buckle. He was wearing a specialty knee brace at the time of injury.

**Investigation / Compensability:**

- Investigation determined that the claimant had a significant pre-existing history to the same knee including surgeries in 1995 and 2016. In 2020, he filed a claim with the same employer again for a left knee injury. In 2020 a repair of his ACL was considered, although he elected to attempt to resolve the injury non-surgically via usage of a specialized knee brace.

**Medical Management:**

- Following the most recent event, the employee consulted with Dr. Bazaz, orthopedic surgeon under Western Orthopedics of Denver, Colorado. He treated locally at the Goodland outreach specialty clinic. Dr. Bazaz opined that the employee would be best served by having an ACL reconstruction to the left knee with a medial meniscus clean out. Due to his significant pre-existing issues and his prior claim with the same employer, I investigated the prevailing factor. This involved obtaining his prior and current medical records and comparing the same. I discovered that his pre-existing 2016 operative report to the same knee showed no ACL tears and his studies from 2020 to 2022 showed apparent changes to the structure of the knee. I enlisted nurse case manager Tammy Wiens for a second opinion regarding the same. Per NCM, Tammy Wiens, there were definite structural changes in the 2022 MRI. Based on this information his need for an ACL reconstruction was authorized and performed on 3/22. The employee is doing well and soon to begin post-operative physical therapy.

**Periods of Disability:**

- The employee is off of work at this time with an anticipated return to work date at the end of April.

**Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:**

- PPI of 6% to the left knee is expected and the file is reserved for the same

**Subrogation / Other Issues:**

- N/A

**Plan of Action:**

- I will monitor the progression of the claimant through his treatment to ensure that he is progressing as expected.
- I will work with the employer to return the claimant to a light duty work position
- Once the claimant is at MMI, I will request a rating. I will be sure that any pre-existing conditions are excluded from the rating.
- Ultimately I will attempt to settle this file, full and final.