

Colorado Firefighter Heart and Circulatory Benefits Trust (CFH Trust):

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the CFH Trust which was formed to cover your entity's liability under Part 3, Article 5 of Title 29, Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS). This new statute requires any full time firefighter employed continuously for five (5) years be provided a defined level of benefits for certain Heart and Circulatory malfunctions. A state reimbursement fund has been established through the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Entities must certify their number of eligible firefighters and submit specific documents to participate in the program.

To learn more about the CFH Trust's formation and who can participate, as well as how DOLA will administer the program for eligible firefighters, please review the Trust's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ).

A website has been created at www.cfhtrust.com to 1) make available information concerning this Trust; 2) comment on the intent of the coverage under the new statute; and 3) make available public information from DOLA, who is requesting comments from stakeholders, on their proposed implementation of the reimbursement process available in December. Documents currently posted are:

- FAQ about the TRUST, the process, and DOLA
- Comments on the intent of the new statute establishing the employer's Liability
- DOLA draft copies of proposed process and forms for reimbursement
- Members' governing body Resolution to join the Trust
- Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to join the Trust
- Checklist on how to properly complete the IGA and Resolution
- Member's Nomination for Trustee form
- Description of heart test available to asses heart and circulatory conditions

There is an open nomination process for Trustees that comes from the participating membership. Appointments are then made by the State Fire Chiefs. We currently have four Chiefs and one Professional Firefighter representative who have been participating as Steering Committee members to bring us to this point, and all but one will be eligible to serve as Trustees. We have one Chief position and two (2) new Trustee positions open. The two new positions are for non-firefighter personnel from Member organizations. It has been suggested that the new position nominees have a background in Accounting, Human Resources, Finance, Risk Management, Law, or Public Service to round out the Trust's overall makeup. We are currently in need of two organizations who can implement the IGA and Resolution by November 20 so that we can establish the Trust in order to conduct business. If your organization is willing to help us out in the formation of the CFH Trust, please contact any member of the Steering Committee, or myself for further details:

- John Bales, Chief Golden Fire: JBales@cityofgolden.net
- Don Lombardi, Chief West Metro Fire Rescue: DLombardi@westmetrofire.org
- Matthew Love, Chief Cimarron Hills Fire Department: mlove@cimarronhillsfire.org
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Regards,



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