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Good morning, gentlemen. I would like to request the inclusion of an agenda item for this Friday's TIESB meeting. In some recent discussions at a CIMA meeting, the subject of LODD benefits came up for industrial firefighters. I reached out to Wendy Norris, Director of the Texas Line of Duty Death Task Force & she informed that private industrial responders do not qualify for benefits defined under the PSOB bill. I am looking to assist with legislative procedures to see if we can get that changed. I have reached out to Chris Barron to see about engaging the TFLAG group (Texas Fire Legislative Action Group) to help with this and he has informed they can help. We also have the SFFMA lobbyist that can help. Since this can have an impact on industrial firefighters across the state I think this is something valuable for the TIESB to consider helping with.

Here is the code for the ERS Chapter 615- [GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 615. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SURVIVORS OF CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIRE FIGHTERS, AND OTHERS](#)

**GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 615.  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SURVIVORS OF  
CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS,  
FIRE FIGHTERS, A...**

Take a look at the definitions section (1204) in the PSOB to see how they have defined the type of first responder they will pay out on: <https://www.psob.gov/files/PSOBRegs2013.htm#Disentitling>. If you start clicking on the Public Agency, you will follow their definitions of public agencies.

- (9) "[public safety officer](#)" means—
- (A) an individual serving a [public agency](#) in an [official capacity](#), with or without compensation, as a [law enforcement officer](#), as a [firefighter](#), or as a [chaplain](#);
- (B) an [employee](#) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency

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