

Fast Facts from Fire Programs



Line of Duty Act Changes

Significant changes were made to the Line of Duty Act (LODA) program during the 2017 General Assembly Session. [HB2243\(Jones\)](#) was introduced as the result of a comprehensive study of the program by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission. This study made several recommendations to ensure the program is efficiently administrated and the program holds long-term financial stability. Effective July 1, 2017, the administration of the LODA program was shifted to the Virginia Retirement System(VRS) and VRS now makes all eligibility determinations for LODA benefits as well as issues benefit payments. The Virginia Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) now administers the LODA Health Benefits Plans. VRS has developed a new website (valoda.org) with lots of helpful information to assist members of the Virginia's fire services understand all the new procedures. This page has tutorials about how to submit a LODA benefit claim as well as links to all the necessary paperwork.

Did You Know? The *Code of Virginia* requires employers to train all LODA-eligible employees. The first training must happen within 30 days of being hired and then every two years thereafter. [The LODA Overview for Participants](#) satisfies this training requirement. You can direct individual employees to this website to watch the recorded presentation. This training provides an overview of disability benefits, death benefits, health benefits and how to submit a

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