

48-922. Purchase of accident insurance for volunteer workers by cities; coverage; immunity; definitions. (a) The governing body of any city which has a disaster agency pursuant to K.S.A. 48-929, and amendments thereto, or is participating in an interjurisdictional arrangement under an interjurisdictional disaster agency pursuant to K.S.A. 48-930, and amendments thereto, may purchase accident insurance for the protection of those volunteer workers engaged in emergency management activities sustaining injury or death by accidental means as a result of such emergency management activities as the volunteer worker may be called on to perform when called into services in such capacity. The governing body of such city may purchase accident insurance from private insurance companies in such amounts and for such coverages as the city governing body may deem necessary and pay for such insurance out of the emergency management fund. The purchase of such insurance shall not constitute a waiver of the immunity of the city from any action or suit provided for in K.S.A. 48-915, and amendments thereto.

(b) As used in this section: (1) "Volunteer workers" means those natural persons who volunteer their services for the purpose of engaging in emergency management activities under a disaster agency established and maintained under K.S.A. 48-929 or 48-930, and amendments thereto; and

(2) "injury" means and includes all injuries to a volunteer worker received by accidental means while such volunteer worker is actually engaged in performing duties arising out of and in the course of such emergency management activities.

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