

1. an officer who serves in a probationary status; and
2. an officer who serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority of a county or municipal corporation.

(5) "Performance of duties" includes, in the case of a volunteer or career firefighter, PUBLIC SAFETY AVIATION EMPLOYEE, or rescue squad member:

- (i) actively participating in fighting a fire;
- (ii) going to or from a fire;
- (iii) performing other duties necessary to the operation or maintenance of the fire company;
- (iv) actively participating in the ambulance, advanced life support, or rescue work of an advanced life support unit or a fire, ambulance, or rescue company, including going to or from an emergency or rescue; ~~and~~
- (v) providing emergency or rescue assistance, whether acting alone or at the direction of or with a fire, ambulance, or rescue company or advanced life support unit; AND

(VI) ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN FLIGHT OPERATIONS AS A CREW MEMBER IN A ROTARY OR FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

(6) "~~RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER~~ PUBLIC SAFETY AVIATION EMPLOYEE" INCLUDES A PILOT AND AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN EMPLOYED BY THE STATE.

[(6)] (7) "Stepchild" means a child of the surviving spouse who was living with or dependent for support on the decedent at the time of the decedent's death.

(a-1) For purposes of this section, an individual served in the Afghanistan or Iraq conflict if the individual was a member of the uniform services of the United States who served in:

(1) Afghanistan or contiguous air space, as defined in federal regulations, on or after October 24, 2001, and before a terminal date to be prescribed by the United States Secretary of Defense; or