

## CHAPTER 604

## ACTIONS INVOLVING NEGLIGENCE

604.06 Fireman's rule.

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**604.06 FIREMAN'S RULE.**

The common law doctrine known as the fireman's rule shall not operate to deny any peace officer, as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, clause (c), or 176B.01, subdivision 2, a recovery in any action at law or authorized by statute.

*History: 1987 c 384 art 1 s 45*

**604.08 VOLUNTEER ATHLETIC COACHES AND OFFICIALS; IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY.**

Subdivision 1. **Grant.** No individual who provides services or assistance without compensation as an athletic coach, manager, or official for a sports team that is organized or performing under a nonprofit charter, and no community-based, voluntary nonprofit athletic association, or any volunteer of the nonprofit athletic association, is liable for money damages to a player or participant as a result of an individual's acts or omissions in the providing of that service or assistance.

This section applies to organized sports competitions and practice and instruction in that sport.

For purposes of this section, "compensation" does not include reimbursement for expenses.

Subd. 2. **Limitation.** Subdivision 1 does not apply:

- (1) to the extent that the acts or omissions are covered under an insurance policy issued to the entity for whom the coach, manager, or official serves;
- (2) if the individual acts in a willful and wanton or reckless manner in providing the services or assistance;
- (3) if the acts or omissions arise out of the operation, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle;
- (4) to an athletic coach, manager, or official who provides services or assistance as part of a public or private educational institution's athletic program; and
- (5) if the individual acts in violation of federal, state, or local law.

The limitation in clause (1) constitutes a waiver of the defense of immunity to the extent of the liability stated in the policy, but has no effect on the liability of the individual beyond the coverage provided.

*History: 1987 c 337 s 126*