



## Risk Management Medical Liaison Unit

## What do we handle?



- Workers' Comp
- FML/CFRA
- PDL
- Leaves of absences
- COVID-19



- Reasonable Suspicion
- Fitness for Duty
- Medical Evaluations
- Funeral Guidelines
- 5-year Physicals
- Officer Involved
   Shooting Procedure



- Cal/OSHA Compliance
- Ergonomic Evaluations
- Safety Programs
- Facility Safety
   Officer Program
   (FSO)
- Health and Wellness

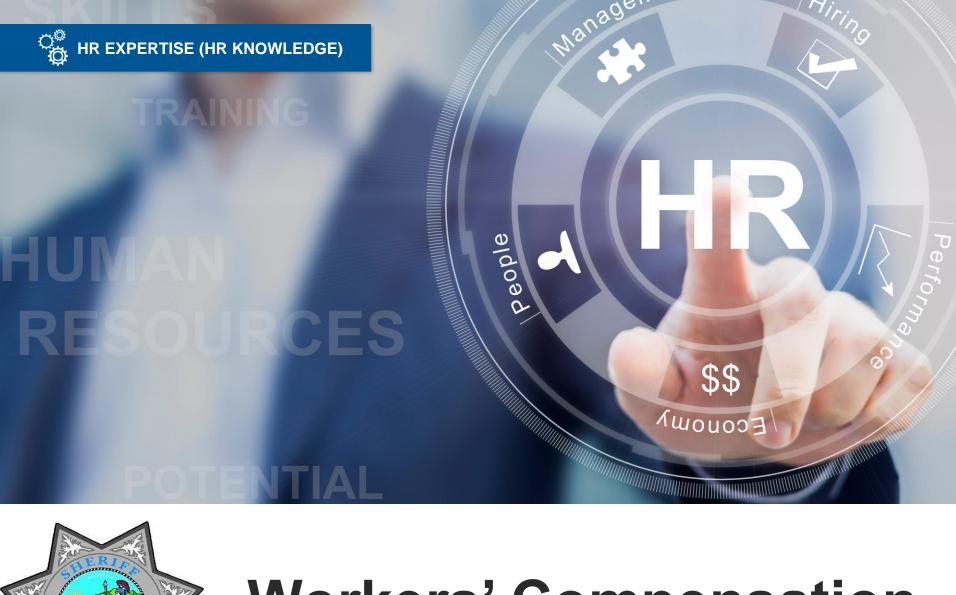
## Keep in Mind

What are some of challenges your staff and/or new supervisors are facing?

What are some topics your staff needs more training on related to Risk Management?



To exceed minimum compliance for health, safety, and the well being of our employees by proactively managing risk through continuous education, participation, and communication.





## Workers' Compensation

## Worker's Compensation

#### **Department of Human Resources**

Risk Management –Workers' Compensation Unit

VS.

**Sheriff's Department**Risk Management/Medical Liaison Unit

#### Work Related Injuries or Illnesses

#### **Benefits Include:**

- Medical Treatment
- Mileage Reimbursement
- Compensation for Lost Time
- Permanent Disability
- Death Benefits

#### **Eligibility:**

- Paid Employees
- Volunteers



### **Medical Providers**

Concentra



Kaiser Permanente On-The-Job or KPOJ



Pre-designated Physician Form

## Supervisor's Role

#### **Obtain Correct WC Forms**

- Supervisor's Accident Investigation Report RM3
- Report of Occupational Injury MLU4
- Workers' Compensation Claim Form DWC1

#### **Notify MLU and Submit Forms**

**Determine medical treatment** 

**Corrective Measures** 



## Supervisor' Role

- Communicate with employee & MLU
- Get updated work status notes & forward to MLU
- Determine reasonable accommodations if necessary
- Make sure timecards are correct

## Work Status Reports

#### **Full Duty (FD)**

Employee is able to perform all job duties

#### **Temporary Limited Duty (LD)**

- Work Restrictions
- Reasonable Accommodation
- Release Time for Light Duty Appointments
  - Kronos Timekeeping Reason Code 803

#### **Temporary Totally Disabled (TTD)**

- Injury Leave Non Sworn / 4850-Sworn
- Use employee balances

#### **Permanent & Stationary (P&S)**

Injury leave not approved; use up remaining 4850

## **Common Oversights**

#### **Workers' Compensation Paperwork**

- DWC1 State of California
- RM3 Supervisors Accident Investigation

#### Work Status Updates (45 days)

Create a reminder in Outlook

#### **Full Duty Notes**

Must get approval from MLU

### Medical Liaison Unit's Role

#### **Accommodating**

- Temporary Assignment Duty (TAD)
- Limited Duty Status

#### **Employee Tracking**

- TTD/LD Payroll & Bureau Commands
- Report lost hours to WC

#### **Interactive Process**

- Collaborative effort with employee to determine if the employee can return to work
- Permanent & Stationary (P&S)

#### **Limited Duty Policy – P&P 3.34**

#### **Qualifications**

Waivers/Clearances

## Sheriff P&P

#### 3.16 Occupational Injuries, Illness, or Death

- Treatment, DWC1 within 24 hrs, notify MLU, complete forms, medical notes, predesignation.
- Work Status Report every 45 days or sooner

## 3.34 Temporary Limited Duty Program for Injured or III Employees

- No permanent positions
- 6-month limit
- Accommodations, TAD, TTD, Peace officer powers and property.

## Manager's And Supervisor's Responsibilities

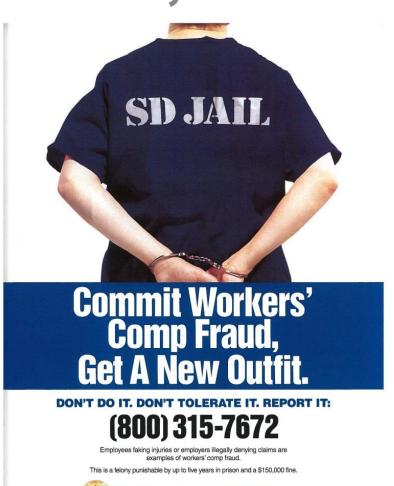
#### Supervisor:

- Ensure all injuries and illness reported promptly
- Ensure forms are complete and accurate

#### Supervisor and Manager:

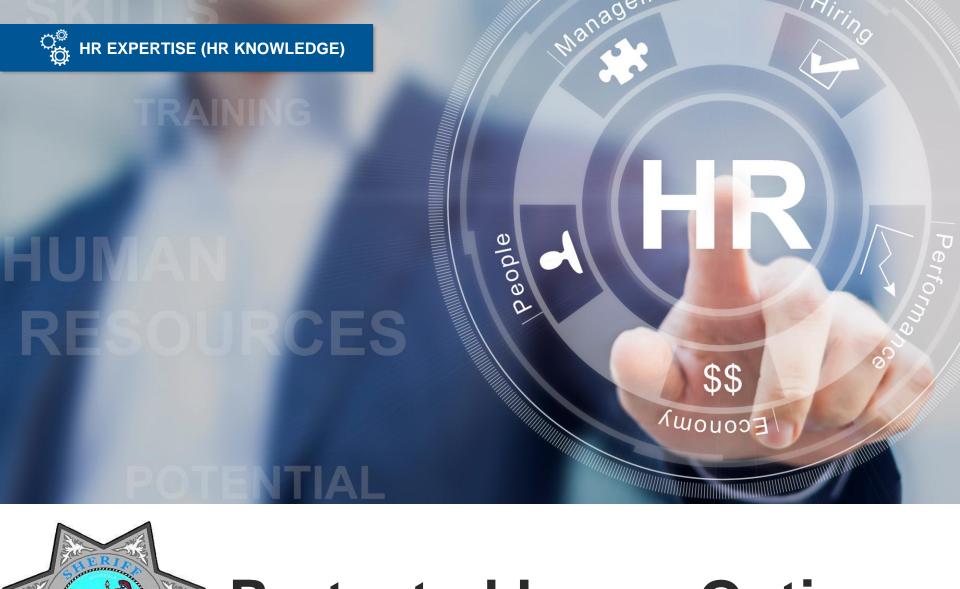
- Maintain contact with workers on leave
- Help make the transition back to work
- Help reduce claims and keep down costs by promoting safety and preventing accidents

## If fraud or abuse is suspected, contact MLU





San Diego County District Attorney





## **Protected Leave Options**

## The Basics: Family Medical Leave (FML) & California Family Rights Act (CFRA) Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL)

#### **FML**

- Federal law
- Administered by Dept of Labor

#### **CFRA**

- State law
- Administered by Dept of Fair Employment & Housing

#### FML & CFRA

- Provide eligible employees up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave in a 12month period.
- Used continuously or intermittently

#### **PDL**

- State Law
- Provides up to 17 1/3 weeks of unpaid leave for pregnancy disability, childbirth recovery or related medical condition.
- Used continuously or intermittently

#### **Leave Reasons**

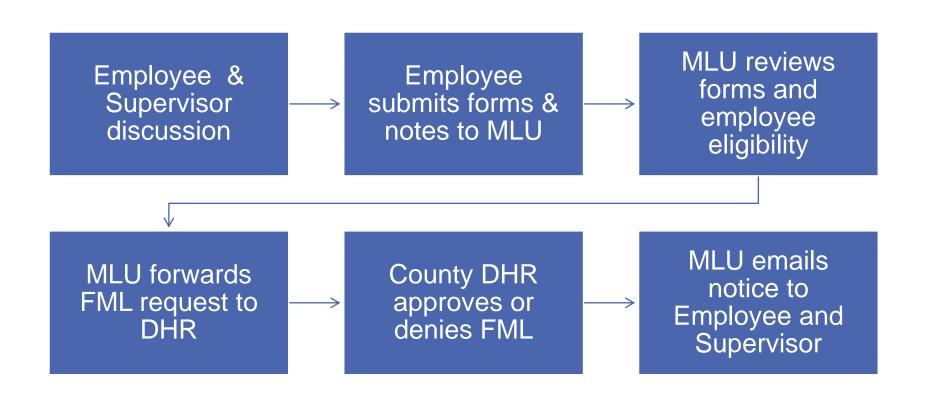
#### FML/CFRA

- Leave for self due to a serious health condition
- Care for a newborn
- Care for a family member w/ serious health condition
- Placement of adoption or foster care
- Military Caregiver

#### **PDL**

- Prenatal care
- Severe morning sickness
- Doctor-ordered bed rest
- Childbirth
- Recovery from childbirth
- Post-partum depression

#### FML/CFRA & PDL Process



## **Kronos Coding**

- Supervisor must track intermittent leave needs
- Supervisors <u>must</u> make sure that employee timecards are correct each pay period.
- If employee exhausts balances or declines the use of their balances, then it may affect retirement, step increases and holiday pay.
- While on leave, accruals go in an "earned I credited" bucket.

### **Qualified Disability Plans**

- Sworn
  - CA Law Enforcement Association (CLEA) DSA
  - AFLAC
- Professional Staff
  - State Disability Insurance (SDI)
  - Paid Family Leave (PFL)
- Management/Unclassified Classifications
  - Long Term Disability
- Voluntary Benefits Lincoln Financial Group
  - Short Term Disability or PFL for non-SDI
  - Long Term Disability
- Catastrophic Leave



#### What is unprotected leave?

- ➤ An employee who is not eligible for FML/CFRA
- > An employee that exhausted PDL and FML protection
- > An employee that exhausted all paid leave balances
- Any time an employee is on a Leave of Absence (LOA) without protection or pay (LWOP)

## Affects of Leave of Absence (LOA) without Pay

- If unpaid on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month, benefits are interrupted
- Affects step increase, holiday pay, and retirement credits
- All Leave of Absences without pay (LOA/LWOP) must be preapproved by HRB Command

## Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Federal agency





#### Why is this important?

## ADA Regulations and Reasonable Accommodations

- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination against employees (and job applicants) who have physical or mental impairments that substantially limit "major life activities."
- California Fair Employment and Housing Act requires employers to provide reasonable accommodations for individuals with a physical or mental disability.

It is essential for all supervisors to know and understand how to comply with these regulations.

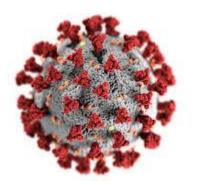
- Determine Accommodation
- Work employee within restrictions
- Monitor updated work status note
- Keep track of employees out on TTD or LD
- Modified Duty Policy
- Monitor Frequency/Duration
- Sworn Qualification Period waivers
- > Confirm return from leave date





COVID-19

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## If you tested COVID POSITIVE

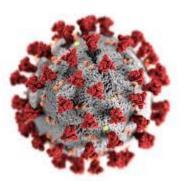
SAVE TIME
COMPLETE THE INTAKE FORM
FROM YOUR CELL PHONE

Go to: http://sdsd.so/covid-intake
OR



#### COVID-19

Check "COVID Resources" link on Sheriff's home page







## **Risk Management**

## Risk Management

- Sworn Qualification Period
- OIS Critical Incident Procedure
- Fitness for Duty
- Funeral Guidelines



## Reasonable Suspicion of Impairment



## Supervisor's Role:

- Observe Employee
- Obtain a Witness
- Document the Behavior
- Contact/Alert MLU





## **Safety Prevention**

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Risk Management

Report Work Related Illness/Injury

**Employee Leaves** 

Safety

COVID Resources

**DHRO** Assigned Divisions

Sheriff's Department Wellness ▼ MLU Internal

**✓** EDIT LINKS

Safety procedures are not intended to address principles, values, philosophies, goals and objectives covered in the Department Policies & Procedures (P&P). P&Ps are published and maintained by Division of Inspectional Services. P&Ps do not address the details covered in a safety procedure. Refer to current P&P manual for information on operations within the San Diego Sheriff's Department.



- Injury and Illness Prevention Program
- Heat Illness Prevention
   Program
- Hazard Communication
   Program
- Respiratory Protection Program



Supervisor's Responsibilities to Report Serious Injuries to SDSO Employees to MLU & to CalOSHA

Sheriff's Department WSSH

Monthly Safety Training

Bulletins



## Safety & Health Program

- Cal/OSHA compliance
- Safety and Health programs
  - Injury and Illness Prevention
  - Respiratory Protection
  - Hazard Communication
  - Bloodborne Pathogens
  - Heat Illness Prevention
  - Aerosol Transmittable Disease



# CalOSHA Requires All Employees to be SITE SPECIFIC AWARENESS Trained

(Injury and Illness Prevention Program)

Supervisors need the help the FSOs to help with safety awareness

# When and Why YOU Should Report Injuries to MLU

#### Language from IIPP

Accident/Exposure Investigations

#### **Sheriff's P&P Manual**

 6.5 Unusual Incident, Death, and Serious Injury Notification



# When and Why YOU Should Report Injuries to CalOSHA

#### All Work-Related Hospitalizatio n Need to be Reported to CalOSHA



#### SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IMPORTANT NOTICE



Supervisor's Responsibilities to Report Serious Injuries to MLU & to CalOSHA

Immediately report serious injuries of <u>SDSO employees</u> to MLU. Contacts Available 24/7.

MLU Unit Supervisor, Melissa Martinez, HR Manager O 858-974-2317 C 858-583-7007 Linda Murphy, MLU Sr DHRO O 858-974-2378 C 619-385-1914 Steve Workman, Departmental Safety Coordinator O 858-974-2018 C 619-867-1775

Section 342 of title 8 of the California Code of Regulations requires employers to report fatalities and serious injuries to CalOSHA within 8 hours. The 8-hour timeframe begins when the employer knows or with "with diligent inquiry" would have known of the serious injury/illness or death. The employer means someone of management or supervisory capacity.

The following are incidents that are required to be reported within 8 hours;

- Fatality
- Serious injury or illness. This is defined as
  - o Any serious degree of permanent impairment (crushing or serious burns)
  - o Serious degree of permanent disfigurement (e.g. amputation)
  - Employee who is hospitalized for other than observation.

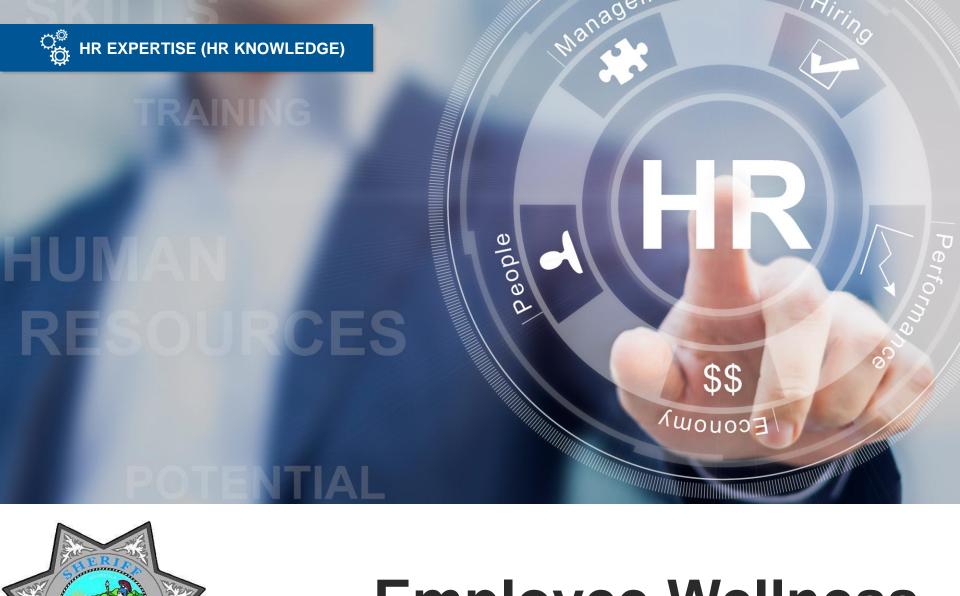
    Serious injury or illness means any injury or illness occurring in a place.

Serious injury or illness means any injury or illness occurring in a place of employment or in connection with any employment which requires inpatient hospitalization for other than medical observation or in which an employee suffers a amputation or any serious degree of permanent disfigurement.

This **does not include** any injury, illness or death caused by the commission of a Penal Code violation, except the violation of Section 385 of the Penal Code, **or an accident on a public street or highway, unless the accident occurred in a construction zone.** 

#### **Process for Supervisors**

- A. First determine if injury to <u>SDSO employee</u> meets definition of a serious injury. Document reasons for determination, (either way) in an email or VM to Steve Workman.
- B. If the determination is the injury of SDSO employee meets definition of a serious injury, call one of the MLU contacts above. If no communication takes place with a MLU contact after six hours (before 8-hour time limit expires), supervisor must report injury to CalOSHA.





## **Employee Wellness**

#### Employee Wellness Resources







Help is available ~ Stay Informed!

## Did you know?

#### Wellness Team

- Collaborate with our Chaplains, DSA, Peer Support, Counseling Team, and County EAP
- We meet to discuss the departments' health and wellness needs

#### What are we doing?

- Created Employee Wellness Resource website
- Calendar of Health & Wellness Events/Programs

