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## **Office of Injured Employee Counsel Publishes New Notice for Employers of First Responders**

**Austin, Texas – June 18, 2018** – In September 2017, HB 2082 went into effect creating a first responder liaison at the Office of Injured Employee Counsel (OIEC). To implement HB 2082, OIEC has adopted Rule 276.5(d) which includes information about the agency’s first responder liaison notice.

An employer that employs first responders or that supervises volunteer first responders must post this notice, which became effective in April 2018. “First responder” has the meaning assigned by Texas Labor Code §504.055.

The first responder liaison notice must be posted in the personnel office and in the workplace where each employee will regularly see the notice. It must be in English, Spanish, and any other language that is common to the employer’s employees. OIEC provides notices to employers free of charge.

Go to [www.oiec.texas.gov//resources/employernotice.html](http://www.oiec.texas.gov//resources/employernotice.html) for the notice’s required text, print requirements, and printable poster versions.

### About the Office of Injured Employee Counsel

The Office of Injured Employee Counsel (OIEC) is the state agency that assists, educates, and advocates on behalf of the injured employees of Texas. OIEC has 21 offices throughout Texas. The agency’s services include advocacy, customer service, and dispute assistance.

For more about the Office of Injured Employee Counsel visit [oiec.texas.gov](http://oiec.texas.gov).

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