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Staff at Oregon State Hospital are subject to the same traumatic and emergency events that police officers and firefighters are subject to. This occurs perhaps even with an increased frequency based on the concentration of seriously mentally ill individuals residing at Oregon State Hospital. Study after study has shown the effects of cumulative stress on the body. Oregon State Hospital workers should not be subject to an increased amount of time at a worksite that contributes to caregiver fatigue, burnout, and vicarious trauma. We support the individuals of the state of Oregon with professionalism, care, and respect, and we deserve the same benefits as other social caregivers receive. Please support this measure.

If you do not believe the level of trauma and traumatic events, and/or if you would like a look inside the state hospital, a visit could be set up for you.