# Investigating the Role of Self-Compassion in Promoting Resilience and Reducing Negative Outcomes Among Rescue Workers

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23 Abstract

This study investigates the relationship between self-compassion and latent profiles of risk 24 and protective factors for rescue workers. Using a cross-sectional design, data were collected 25 from a sample of 782 rescue workers and 338 controls using a survey instrument that 26 assessed levels of self-compassion and various risk and protective factors, including coping styles, perceived social support, personality dimensions, post-traumatic stress, and 28 post-traumatic growth. Latent profile analysis revealed three distinct profiles of risk and protective factors: protective, protective under duress, and disfunctional. Results showed 30 that the self-judgment, over-identification, and isolation components of self-compassion were 31 negatively associated with higher levels of protective factors and lower levels of risk factors. Moreover, self-compassion was found to be a stronger predictor of resilience and well-being than any other risk or protective factor profile. These findings suggest that self-compassion may be a critical resource for promoting resilience and well-being among rescue workers, 35 even in the presence of high-risk work environments. Implications for future research and 36 practical applications are discussed. 37

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Rescue workers (RWs) and healthcare professionals often experience trauma and suffering, which can result in "vicarious traumatization" (McCann & Pearlman, 1990) and negative mental health outcomes. Self-compassion (Neff, 2003), a way of relating to oneself, has been recognized as a potential protective factor against psychopathology and has positive effects on mental health.

The primary objective of this study is to examine the relationship between individual differences in personality traits, protective factors, risk factors, and outcomes among RWs and their level of self-compassion. By employing Latent Profile Analysis, the study aims to identify distinct profiles of individual differences. Specifically, it seeks to determine whether individuals in an adaptive profile exhibit higher levels of positive self-compassion and lower levels of negative self-compassion, while those in a maladaptive profile demonstrate the opposite pattern. By investigating the diverse profiles of individual differences among RWs, this study aims to gain valuable insights into the factors that promote or impede the cultivation of self-compassion. These findings can inform interventions and strategies aimed at enhancing the well-being and resilience of RWs.

## 77 Vicarious traumatization and self-compassion

RWs and healthcare professionals often experience distress and negative mental
health outcomes as a result of their exposure to the suffering of others. This includes the
development of compassion fatigue (Joinson, 1992), burnout (Chatzea, Sifaki-Pistolla,
Vlachaki, Melidoniotis, & Pistolla, 2018), and even Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder [PTSD;
Tahernejad et al. (2023)]. The concept of "vicarious traumatization" (Figley, 1995; McCann
& Pearlman, 1990) recognizes that these professionals, through their repeated and close
interactions with trauma victims, can experience emotional distress as indirect victims of the
same trauma. Those in helping professions, including RWs and healthcare workers, are

particularly susceptible to vicarious traumatization due to their involvement in more stressful situations (Argentero & Setti, 2011). Therefore, understanding and promoting factors that contribute to their well-being is crucial in mitigating the negative impact of vicarious traumatization and supporting their resilience (Mao, Hu, & Loke, 2022).

In recent years, the concept of "self" has gained prominence in understanding individual differences in coping with stress (Beck, Steer, Epstein, & Brown, 1990). Within the realm of self, self-compassion, which involves specific ways of relating to oneself, has shown to have a positive impact on mental health (MacBeth & Gumley, 2012). Cultivating a compassionate mindset towards oneself may also serve as a protective factor against psychopathology, including PTSD (Wilson, Mackintosh, Power, & Chan, 2019; Wong & Yeung, 2017). Therefore, integrating the notion of self-compassion alongside the previously discussed concepts holds great potential for enhancing the well-being and resilience of RWs and healthcare professionals (Hashem & Zeinoun, 2020).

Self-compassion is typically measured using the Self-Compassion Scale (SCS). The
SCS measures six dimensions of self-compassion, three of which evaluate the active
components of self-compassion. These dimensions include Self-kindness (SK), Common
humanity (CH), and Mindfulness (MI), which involve being kind and understanding towards
oneself, recognizing that personal failures and pain are common experiences, and maintaining
awareness of one's painful thoughts and feelings. The remaining three dimensions evaluate
the "hindrances" to self-compassion, including Self-judgment (SJ), Isolation (IS), and
Overidentification (OI). These dimensions assess factors that hinder self-compassion, such as
being self-critical and unsympathetic towards one's shortcomings, isolating oneself from
others, and over-identifying with one's painful thoughts and emotions (Neff, 2022).

The relationship between self-compassion (SC) and rescue workers (RW) poses two unresolved questions in the literature. Firstly, it is unclear if SC functions as a protective factor in RW similar to the general population. If there is a deficiency in this protective

- factor among RWs, it is unknown if all aspects of self-compassion are equally affected.
- 93 Secondly, considering individual variations in SC levels, it is unclear if consistent
- characteristics exist among RWs that differentiate those who rely more or less on SC as a
- protective factor. This study aims to address these questions by utilizing Latent Profile
- <sup>96</sup> Analysis (A. Liu, Wang, & Wu, 2021; Ullrich-French & Cox, 2020) to identify distinct profiles
- of personality, protective factors, risk factors, and outcomes among RWs. We will then
- examine if individuals in the adaptive profile exhibit higher positive dimensions of SC and
- lower negative dimensions, while those in the maladaptive profile show the opposite pattern.

### 100 Personality traits as protective factors

Personality traits play a crucial role in determining an individual's susceptibility to burnout and are strongly associated with anxiety and depressive disorders. Research has shown that high levels of neuroticism and low scores in the other four Big Five personality traits are more likely to experience emotional disorders (Bienvenu et al., 2004; Karsten et al., 2012; Kotov, Gamez, Schmidt, & Watson, 2010).

A meta-analysis conducted by Malouff, Thorsteinsson, and Schutte (2005) revealed 106 revealed a specific pattern of personality traits associated with mood disorders. Individuals 107 with mood disorders tend to have higher scores in neuroticism and lower scores in 108 extraversion, conscientiousness, and agreeableness, with the strongest effects observed for 109 neuroticism, extraversion, and conscientiousness. However, no significant association was 110 found between mood disorders and openness. Another meta-analysis by Swider and 111 Zimmerman (2010) showed that the Five Factor Model of Personality, including neuroticism, extraversion, agreeableness, conscientiousness, and openness, collectively explains a significant proportion of the variance in job burnout levels. Specifically, neuroticism has been identified as the strongest correlate of burnout (Bianchi, 2018). Individuals with low 115 extraversion levels tend to focus on negative aspects of events and primarily employ 116 emotion-focused coping strategies (Connor-Smith & Flachsbart, 2007). Moreover, individuals 117

with low conscientiousness levels are more likely to experience depersonalization and reduced 118 personal accomplishment (Kokkinos, 2007). Conversely, individuals with high agreeableness 119 levels demonstrate better interpersonal relationships at work, characterized by traits such as 120 gentleness and cooperation, which are associated with lower burnout levels (Angelini, 2023). 121 However, the literature has not established a clear link between openness and burnout 122 (Angelini, 2023; Răducu & Stănculescu, 2022). Thus, it can be inferred that elevated levels 123 of neuroticism and lower levels of extraversion, agreeableness, and conscientiousness 124 (excluding openness) may serve as a "personality marker" for rescue workers who may have 125 difficulty mobilizing internal resources and building resistance against stressors. 126

## 127 Coping strategies

Coping strategies are closely tied to personality traits (Sica et al., 2021). Maladaptive coping strategies, including suppression, rumination, and avoidance, consistently relate to negative psychological well-being (Joormann et al., 2016; Liu et al., 2017; Moritz et al., 2016). In contrast, the absence of adaptive coping strategies appears less relevant for the development of psychological disorders (Aldao et al., 2012; Moritz et al., 2016).

A meta-analysis by Connor-Smith et al. (2007) highlights the associations between
extraversion, neuroticism, agreeableness, openness, conscientiousness, and coping strategies.
Extraversion is linked to problem-focused and emotion-focused strategies, while neuroticism
relates to emotion-focused and avoidance-oriented strategies. Agreeableness and openness
show weak associations with coping, particularly in relation to social support and
problem-focused strategies. Conscientiousness strongly correlates with problem-focused
strategies. Avoidance-oriented strategies, such as substance use, are negatively associated
with agreeableness and conscientiousness (Afshar et al., 2015; Connor-Smith et al., 2007).

## Social support

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Meta-analyses, such as the study conducted by Berger et al. (2012), consistently reveal a higher prevalence of PTSD among RWs compared to the general population.

Effective coping and resilience in RWs rely on access to internal and external resources. Notably, perceived social support from colleagues and superiors plays a significant role in 145 mitigating burnout among RWs by reducing emotional exhaustion, depersonalization, and 146 inefficacy (Setti et al., 2016). These findings align with previous research indicating a link 147 between social support, lower levels of burnout, and posttraumatic symptoms (Armstrong et 148 al., 2004). The stress-buffering hypothesis (Cohen & Wills, 1985), the social support 149 deterioration model (Norris et al., 1996), and the conservation of resources model (Hobfoll, 150 1989) all propose that perceived social support acts as a protective factor, shielding 151 individuals from the adverse effects of stress.

## Purpose of the study

The purpose of this study is to identify distinct resilience profiles among RWs. We anticipate that a lower-resilience profile will exhibit elevated levels of neuroticism, maladaptive coping strategies, decreased extraversion, agreeableness, conscientiousness, and perceived social support, as well as higher levels of reported post-traumatic symptoms. Conversely, a higher-resilience profile is expected to demonstrate the opposite pattern of characteristics. A critical hypothesis to be tested is that the "low resilience" profile will be associated with higher levels of "negative" self-compassion and lower levels of "positive" self-compassion when compared to the "high resilience" profile group.

To investigate the potential deficit in self-compassion among the "low resilience"
profile, we will compare the overall level of self-compassion between RWs and a control
community sample. Furthermore, we will examine the impact of job qualifications,
specifically the level of direct versus indirect involvement in alleviating others' suffering, on
the reliance on self-compassion.

167 Methods

#### Instruments

In addition to administering specific questions tailored for the RW group, we also utilized the following scales to assess both participant groups.

Self-Compassion. The Self-Compassion Scale [SCS; Neff (2003)] was used to measure 171 self-compassione. The SCS is a 26-item self-report measure designed to assess 172 self-compassion, or the ability to extend kindness and understanding to oneself during 173 challenging times. The SCS is composed of six subscales, with three of them (Self-Kindness, 174 SK; Common-Humanity, CH; and Mindfulness, MI) measuring compassionate 175 self-responding, and the remaining three (Self-Judgment, SJ; Isolation, IS; and 176 Over-Identification, OI) assessing uncompassionate self-responding. The SCS total score 177 (SCS-TS) is obtained by inverting the scores of the subscales related to uncompassionate 178 self-responding. The Italian version of the SCS by Veneziani, Fuochi, and Voci (2017) was 179 used in the present study. The SCS demonstrated good internal consistency, with a total reliability of  $\omega = .92$ . The subscales also demonstrated adequate reliability: SK ( $\omega = .90$ ), 181 CH ( $\omega = .78$ ), MI ( $\omega = .78$ ), SJ ( $\omega = .85$ ), IS ( $\omega = .89$ ), and OI ( $\omega = .86$ ).

Personality traits. The NEO-Five Factor Inventory (NEO-FFI-60; Costa and McCrae 183 (1992)) was employed to examine personality traits. The NEO-FFI-60 is a widely used 184 60-item self-report questionnaire that assesses five broad domains of personality: 185 Neuroticism (N), Extraversion (E), Openness to experience (O), Agreeableness (A), and 186 Conscientiousness (C). The internal consistency of the five sub-scales of the NEO-FFI-60 has been found to be adequate (Murray, Rawlings, Allen, & Trinder, 2003). In the current study, we used the Italian version of the NEO-FFI-60 developed by Caprara, Barbaranelli, and 189 Guido (2001). The Neuroticism ( $\omega = .92$ ), Extraversion ( $\omega = .83$ ), Conscientiousness ( $\omega =$ 190 .87), and Openness ( $\omega = .78$ ) subscales showed adequate internal consistency, whereas 191 reliability was low for Agreableness ( $\omega = .66$ ) – see also Burton, Delvecchio, Germani, and 192

193 Mazzeschi (2021).

Adaptive and maladaptive coping strategies. The Coping Orientation to Problems 194 Experienced (COPE) test was used to assess adaptive and maladaptive coping. The COPE 195 test (Carver, Scheier, & Weintraub, 1989) is a self-report questionnaire commonly used to 196 assess an individual's coping skills and strategies when dealing with stressful and challenging 197 events. In the present study, we utilized the scoring system proposed by Lyne and Roger 198 (2000), which divides the COPE items into three subscales: Active Coping, Emotion-Focused 199 Coping, and Avoidance Coping. Active Coping reflects a constructive and active approach to coping, in which individuals acknowledge the occurrence of a stressful situation and take 201 action to address the problem through problem-solving, gathering information, and analyzing the situation logically. The other two subscales, Emotion-Focused Coping 203 (expressing feelings and seeking emotional support) and Avoidance Coping (behavioural 204 disengagement (giving up), denial, and mental disengagement), represent more passive 205 approaches to problem-solving, suggesting a belief that the situation cannot be changed. 206 These subscales assess maladaptive coping strategies. In our study, we utilized the Italian 207 version of the COPE questionnaire developed by Sica, Novara, Dorz, and Sanavio (1997; Sica 208 et al., 2021; see also Sica et al., 2008). The reliability of the total scale was satisfactory ( $\omega =$ 209 .87); reliability coefficients for each subscale were acceptable: Active coping:  $\omega = .89$ ; 210 Emotion-focused coping:  $\omega = .77$ ; Avoidance coping:  $\omega = 0.82$ . 211

Perceived social support. The Multidimensional Scale of Perceived Social Support [MSPSS; Zimet, Dahlem, Zimet, and Farley (1988)] was used to evaluate the perceived availability of social support. The MSPSS encompasses three social support subscales, namely family, friends, and significant others, with the items encompassing expressions such as "I can talk about my problems with my family," "I can count on my friends when things go wrong," and "There is a special person who is around when I am in need." Participants were requested to rate their responses to the 12 items on a seven-point Likert scale, with

higher total scores indicating greater perceived social support, ranging from "very strongly disagree" to "very strongly agree." Previous research has established the MSPSS's good test-retest reliability and discriminant and construct validity (Zimet et al., 1988). For this investigation, we utilized the Italian version of the scale (Prezza & Principato, 2002). The internal consistency of the current sample was found to be good, with coefficients of  $\omega$  of 0.94 for the family subscale, 0.96 for the friends subscale, and 0.95 for the significant others subscale.

Post-traumatic stress. The Impact of Event Scale - Revised [IES-R; Weiss (2007)] was 226 used to evaluate subjective distress associated with traumatic events. The IES-R is a self-report instrument comprising 22 items, designed to capture the essential features of traumatic stress reactions, including intrusion, avoidance, and persistent hyperarousal. 229 These features correspond to criteria B, C, and D of the DSM-IV diagnosis of posttraumatic 230 stress disorder (PTSD). The IES-R includes sub-scales for each of these domains, and it is 231 commonly used to assess PTSD symptomatology in rescue workers. Previous research has 232 demonstrated that the IES-R has good internal consistency and test-retest stability. 233 Additionally, a study by Craparo, Faraci, Rotondo, and Gori (2013) examined the 234 psychometric properties of the Italian translation of the IES-R and found good concurrent 235 and discriminant validity, as well as good test-retest reliability. In the present sample, IES-R 236 demonstrated high levels of internal consistency, with a total reliability  $\omega = .94$ . The 237 reliability for each of the sub-scales was also high, with  $\omega = .91$  for intrusion,  $\omega = .82$  for 238 avoidance, and  $\omega = .87$  for hyperarousal. 239

Post-traumatic growth. We employed the Post-Traumatic Growth Inventory [PTGI;
Tedeschi and Calhoun (1996)] to examine the potential positive changes following one or
more traumatic or stressful events. The PTGI is a self-report inventory composed of 21
items and encompasses five subscales, namely Relating to others, New possibilities, Personal
strength, Appreciation of life, and Spiritual change. Previous research has demonstrated that

the PTGI has good internal consistency, construct-convergent validity, and discriminant validity (Tedeschi & Calhoun, 1996). Moreover, the Italian version of the PTGI has been found to have good internal consistency and validity (Prati & Pietrantoni, 2014). In the present study, the PTGI demonstrated high levels of internal consistency, with a total reliability of  $\omega = .95$ . The reliability for each of the sub-scales was also adequate, with  $\omega = .95$  of Relating to others,  $\omega = .84$  for New possibilities,  $\omega = .84$  for Personal strength,  $\omega = .75$  for Appreciation of life, and  $\omega = .75$  for Spiritual changes.

### 252 Sample size

Based on the Monte Carlo simulation study conducted by Nylund, Asparouhov, and
Muthén (2007), a minimum sample size of approximately 500 participants is recommended
for accurately identifying the correct number of latent profiles. In previous studies on SC
using LPA, D. Y. Liu and Thompson (2017) utilized a sample of 533 participants, and
Ullrich-French and Cox (2020) employed three samples with participant sizes of 419, 384,
and 509. Hence, our goal was to collect a sample of at least 500 participants. Ultimately, our
final sample consisted of 751 RWs.

## 260 Participants

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#### 263 Data analysis

## Statistical analyses

Latent Profile Analysis (LPA) is a person-centered latent modeling approach that
partitions individuals into discrete classes based on their responses to observed variables.
This technique is particularly useful for identifying subgroups of individuals that can be
meaningfully compared (Lanza & Rhoades, 2013). The primary objectives of LVA are
twofold. Firstly, to ensure homogeneity within each identified profile so that individuals
grouped together are as similar as possible. Secondly, to maximize heterogeneity between

profiles so that each profile accurately represents a distinct grouping of individuals. The
classes generated by LVA are considered latent since they are not directly observable but are
inferred based on similarities in the data. LPA accounts for measurement errors related to
the uncertainty in profile membership and provides fit statistics to determine the number of
profiles that best represent the data.

The purpose of the LPA was to detect distinct subgroups of RWs who have different profiles on personality dimensions, protective factors, and outcome variables. Standardized scores for five personality measures (neuroticism, extraversion, openness, agreeableness, conscientiousness), three dimensions of coping (COPE-active coping, COPE-avoidance coping, COPE-social emotional coping), perceived social support (MSPSS), and post-traumatic stress (measured using the IES-R) from the RWs were used as observed indicators for the LPA.

LPA was performed following the approach described by Ferguson, G. Moore, and Hull 283 (2020). We fitted a series of LPA models, ranging from 1 to 10 profiles, using 1000 sets of 284 starting values. To determine the optimal number of profiles, we used information criteria, 285 including Bayesian information criterion (BIC), Akaike information criterion (AIC), and 286 adjusted BIC. We selected the model with the lowest value of these criteria, indicating a 287 better fit. Additionally, we evaluated the accuracy of the classification of individuals into the appropriate profile using entropy, with values closer to 1 indicating higher separation among classes (> 0.80 represents high separation). We also employed the Lo-Mendell-Rubin likelihood ratio test (LMR-LRT), a test statistic to compare the fit of a model with a lower 291 versus higher number of profiles. We used MPLUS 8.6 and the R software for all statistical 292 analyses. An analytic hierarchy process, based on the fit indices AIC, AWE, BIC, CLC, and 293 KIC (Akogul & Erisoglu, 2017), suggests the best solution is Model 6 with 2 classes. 294

The BCH approach is a three-step approach (Asparouhov & Muthen, 2014b; Masyn, 2013; McLarnon & O'Neill, 2018). The first step is determining the number of latent profiles

without including the covariates in the model (Clark & Muthen, 2009; Marsh et al., 2009).

In the second step, the participants' individual class probabilities are used to specify their

probability of membership into each latent profile. This method includes individual

uncertainty in profile classification. Using the BCH approach means that indicators for the

profiles are present in the model with the covariates during analysis as shown in Figure 1.

Results

The use of psychometrically reliable scales allowed for the emergence of the conceptually expected factor structure among the variables that were used used in the study to form the latent profiles (ESEM model with 4 factors,  $\chi^2_{41} = 207.52$ , CFI = 0.95, TLI = 0.89, RMSEA = 0.074, SRMR = 0.034 – see SI).

Identifying different profiles of personality factors and coping strategies among rescue workers (RWs) and examining their relationship with self-compassion can provide valuable information for planning treatments aimed at increasing the well-being of RWs. Here's the rationale behind this approach:

- 1. Tailored Interventions: Understanding the individual differences in personality factors and coping strategies can help in developing targeted interventions. By identifying specific profiles, we can design interventions that address the unique needs and challenges of different groups of RWs. For example, if a lower-resilience profile is associated with higher levels of neuroticism and maladaptive coping strategies, interventions can focus on building emotional stability and promoting adaptive coping skills in this group.
- 2. Enhancing Self-Compassion: Self-compassion has been recognized as a potential protective factor against psychopathology and has demonstrated positive effects on mental health. By investigating the relationship between resilience profiles and self-compassion among RWs, we can identify factors that promote or hinder the

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development of self-compassion. This knowledge can inform interventions that 322 specifically target self-compassion, aiming to enhance self-care, reduce self-criticism, 323 and foster a compassionate mindset among RWs. 324

- 3. Prevention of Negative Outcomes: High levels of stress, trauma exposure, and demanding work conditions put RWs at risk of negative outcomes such as compassion fatigue and burnout. By identifying profiles associated with higher vulnerability to these negative outcomes, interventions can be designed to provide targeted support and resources to mitigate their impact. For instance, if a certain profile is found to have low levels of perceived social support, interventions can focus on strengthening social networks and enhancing support systems to prevent burnout.
- 4. Promoting Well-being and Resilience: Ultimately, the goal of these treatments is to increase the overall well-being and resilience of RWs. By understanding the complex interplay between personality factors, coping strategies, and self-compassion, interventions can be tailored to strengthen protective factors, address risk factors, and promote resilience. This can contribute to improving the mental health, job satisfaction, and overall quality of life of RWs, enabling them to effectively cope with the challenges they face in their demanding roles.

By systematically investigating these factors and their relationships, we can gain 339 valuable insights that inform evidence-based interventions, optimize support systems, and 340 contribute to the well-being and resilience of RWs.

Thirdly, this study will explore the impact of direct vs. indirect involvement (job 342 qualification such as driver, team member, and team leader) in alleviating others' suffering 343 on the reliance on self-compassion. We expected that 344

The construct of self-compassion is commonly assessed using the Self-Compassion 345 Scale (SCS) self-report questionnaire. The SCS measures six dimensions of self-compassion,

three of which evaluate the active components of self-compassion. These dimensions include Self-kindness (SK), Common humanity (CH), and Mindfulness (MI), which involve being 348 kind and understanding towards oneself, recognizing that personal failures and pain are 349 common experiences, and maintaining awareness of one's painful thoughts and feelings. The 350 remaining three dimensions evaluate the "hindrances" to self-compassion, including 351 Self-judgment (SJ), Isolation (IS), and Overidentification (OI). These dimensions assess 352 factors that hinder self-compassion, such as being self-critical and unsympathetic towards 353 one's shortcomings, isolating oneself from others, and over-identifying with one's painful thoughts and emotions (Neff, 2022). 355

Compassion fatigue often leads to a sense of helplessness and a feeling of being unable to do more to help others (Boyle, 2015). This "learned helplessness" may lead individuals who experience compassion fatigue to rely more on non-self-compassionate coping strategies compared to those who are less affected by compassion fatigue (Gonzalez-Mendez & Díaz, 2021).

decrease the use of self-compassionate responding (i.e., self-kindness, common humanity, mindfulness) and increase uncompassionate responding (i.e., self-judgment, isolation, overidentification) – see also Gonzalez-Mendez and Díaz (2021).

We propose that individuals who experience compassion fatigue may not experience changes in compassionate responding, as their motivation to help others remains intact.

However, they may experience a strong increase in uncompassionate responding (e.g., self-blaming), especially in those who are less directly involved in alleviating the suffering of others.

enabling an individual to mobilise internal resources and build up resistance against stressors

individuals with a strong SOC might experience reduced job stress.

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Sense of coherence (SOC) originates from Antonovsky's (1979, 1987, 1991, 1993) 373 theory of salutogenesis, a paradigm that focuses on factors that promote health and 374 well-being and considers the salutary potential of stressors. SOC is a dispositional orientation that reflects an individual's capacity to cope with life stressors and comprises 376 three components: Comprehensibility, the sense that 19 stimuli are predictable and 377 structured (cognitive component); Manageability, the sense that available resources (both 378 internal and external) are sufficient to cope with demands from the stimuli 379 (instrumental/behavioural component); and Meaningfulness, the sense that the demands 380 have significance and are worthy of investment in terms of personal ideals and standards 381 (motivational component). An individual's SOC is reinforced by their "general resistance 382 resources" (e.g., intelligence, social support, coping strategies, and preventative health 383 orientation), which are shaped by life experiences. 384

These results indicate the need for improving pre-employment strategies to select the most resilient individuals for rescue work, to implement continuous preventive measures for personnel.

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Latent Class 1							
	Estimate	S.E.	Est./S.E.	P-Value			
Means							
NEURO	27.703	0.513	54.048	0.000			
EXTRA	26.050	0.411	63.371	0.000			
OPEN	28.024	0.425	65.898	0.000			
AGREE	29.673	0.388	76.445	0.000			
CONSC	30.391	0.429	70.780	0.000			
ACTCOP	73.164	0.704	103.954	0.000			
AVOIDCOP	37.795	0.503	75.109	0.000			
SOCCOP	28.658	0.536	53.428	0.000			
IES	23.412	1.207	19.395	0.000			
MSPSS	48.229	0.917	52.575	0.000			
Variances							
NEURO	32.334	2.565	12.606	0.000			
EXTRA	15.645	1.520	10.295	0.000			
OPEN	38.666	1.955	19.781	0.000			
AGREE	27.163	1.564	17.363	0.000			
CONSC	24.644	1.742	14.151	0.000			
ACTCOP	81.103	5.030	16.125	0.000			
AVOIDCOP	42.970	2.899	14.820	0.000			
SOCCOP	48.671	2.481	19.617	0.000			
IES	226.353	14.346	15.778	0.000			
MSPSS	128.414	9.270	13.852	0.000			

Latent Class 2							
	Estimate	S.E.	Est./S.E.	P-Value			
Means							
NEURO	13.872	0.353	39.254	0.000			
EXTRA	37.401	0.249	150.136	0.000			
OPEN	31.290	0.323	96.774	0.000			
AGREE	34.165	0.267	127.897	0.000			
CONSC	39.022	0.269	145.079	0.000			
ACTCOP	83.111	0.463	179.429	0.000			
AVOIDCOP	33.169	0.323	102.636	0.000			
SOCCOP	30.871	0.333	92.845	0.000			
IES	15.433	0.703	21.941	0.000			
MSPSS	60.440	0.566	106.859	0.000			
Variances							
NEURO	32.334	2.565	12.606	0.000			
EXTRA	15.645	1.520	10.295	0.000			
OPEN	38.666	1.955	19.781	0.000			
AGREE	27.163	1.564	17.363	0.000			
CONSC	24.644	1.742	14.151	0.000			
ACTCOP	81.103	5.030	16.125	0.000			
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MSPSS	128.414	9.270	13.852	0.000			