

Risk Services welcomes in the New Year and gets ready to roll out the 2017 COMPACT, Grant Program, and ALL NEW Member Risk Management Recognition Program!

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Happy New Year to all of our members! With the calendar turned to 2017 and the last of the holiday goodies polished off, Risk Services is in full swing, getting ready to roll out the 2017 programs.

Thank you to the 2016 Long Range Planning Committee which met this past September to discuss WCIA staff recommendations for the 2017 COMPACT. Members of the committee included Deborah Knight-Stanwood; Kristin Banfield-Arlington; David Kline-Tukwila; Lyman Howard-Sammamish; Dave Timmons-Port Townsend; Joel Walinski-Leavenworth; Donald Day-Sunnyside; and Matthew Morton-Duvall.

For the 2017 COMPACT, members will again be presented with three options for consideration, and will work with their assigned Risk Management Representative to select the option that best meets the individual member's needs, and in keeping with the primary goal of improving the pool's loss experience. The three options for 2017 include the following:

Option 1: Traditional Audit

The member and Risk Management Rep together will work to choose from one of three audit questionnaires. The three selected audit topics for 2017 are Police, Personnel, and Volunteers.

Option 2: Targeted Risk Management Review

The Risk Management Rep will meet with the member and provide all or part of the following Targeted Risk Management Review based upon individual member need and applicability:

- Contract Review/Right of Way Ordinance review
- Special Events Review/Facility Use Agreements review
- Premises walk through and inspection for liability exposures of select facilities (e.g. parks, senior centers, swimming pools, community centers, marinas, playgrounds)

Option 3: Loss and Exposure Reduction Plan

The member will work with their assigned Rep to review their risk profile and loss runs to identify the member's top risk management priorities based upon loss history. They will then work together to develop an action plan.

Watch for more communications in January and February as we get set to roll out the 2017 COMPACT.

WCIA Grant Program

WCIA is pleased to be able to once again administer the Risk Reduction Grant program! Funding levels will remain steady with \$150,000 allotted for risk mitigation grants and \$15,000 for staff development grants. As you start to think of projects, please keep in mind that in years past funding per project has ranged from \$1,500-\$30,000 with an average of \$10,000-\$12,000 being awarded. For 2017, members who did not receive a mitigation grant in 2016 will be eligible to submit up to two mitigation grant applications. In addition, members may also submit one staff development grant application if a similar grant was not received in 2016. Applications and guidelines will be sent to delegates via email by January 24 and be due back February 28th. Consideration will be given in particular to those projects linked to potential loss exposures and loss history. A list of past project awarded grants can be found on the WCIA website under Risk Management.

And for something Shiny and New to ring in the New Year...the WCIA Member Risk Management Recognition Award Program!

The WCIA Member Risk Management Recognition Award will formally recognize a member each year for excellence in risk management. The award will be given to a member that has developed and/or implemented an innovative risk management idea or program over the course of the year aimed to reduce the frequency and severity of member losses. Loss prevention and loss reduction improve the bottom line for both the individual member and WCIA pool membership as a whole.

Keep an eye out for more information and application materials in the first quarter of 2017 as the program gets off the ground and running. The award will be formally presented for the first time at the January Full Board in 2018. An award plaque will be provided to the winning member to display within its municipality. The member and its winning idea or project will be featured in the WCIA Newsletter, and profiled on the WCIA website. WCIA staff will also be available to attend a council meeting to make an award presentation.

And not to be forgotten...the informative and always lively Risk Manager Forums will be back soon and coming to you on a quarterly basis starting in March! Watch your email for more information!

2017 looks to be a busy and exciting year; we look forward to getting out and visiting the membership once again!

