

Risk Services rings in the New Year and gets ready to roll out the 2018 COMPACT, more grant opportunities and a *NEW* Special Events Toolkit

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Happy New Year to all of our members! With the ink on the 2018 calendar barely dry, and a few crumbs of holiday goodies still left on the plate, Risk Services is on the move, getting ready to roll out the 2018 programs.

Thank you to the 2017 Long Range Planning Committee which met this past August to discuss WCIA staff recommendations for the 2018 COMPACT. Members of the committee included Deborah Knight-Monroe; 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 **2018 COMPACT**, members will again be presented with three options for consideration, and will work with their assigned Risk Management Representative to select the audit 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 2018 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 2018 are Parks and Recreation Programs, Police, and Personnel.

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 (New Special Events Toolkit will be available for use in 2018!)
- 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.

COMPACT Education Component:

Take note! We have made a change!

For 2018, members will still be required to complete three WCIA educational sessions with one modification to this requirement. The COMPACT training requirement that member City Attorneys attend one of the three required training sessions has been removed. WCIA will continue providing new city attorney orientations, pre-WSAMA trainings, and opportunities to earn CLE credits. We still hope to see many City Attorneys take advantage of WCIA trainings!

Watch for more communications in January and February as we get set to roll out the 2018 COMPACT.

The New Year surely brings something new and shiny! WCIA is rolling out the New Special Events Toolkit!

Along the same lines as the WCIA Sidewalk Toolkit there is a new toolkit for Special Events. The toolkit contains great information all in one convenient place. There is a section with answers to frequently asked questions, a self-audit checklist, guidelines and samples from the Liability Resource Manual, information about TULIP, a section devoted to Large Events, and more! Look for the toolkit on-line in January; the Risk Reps can also provide you with a copy and make a visit to share the information with you, perhaps as part of an Option 2 audit.

But wait.....there's more for 2018!

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 2018, members who did not receive a mitigation grant in 2017 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 2017. Applications and guidelines will be sent to delegates via email by January 22 and be due back March 1. Consideration will be given in particular to those projects linked to potential loss exposures and loss history. A list of past projects awarded grants can be found on the WCIA website under Risk Management.

The WCIA Member Risk Management Recognition Award Program is back for 2018!

The WCIA Member Risk Management Recognition Award formally recognizes a member each year for excellence in risk management. The award is given to a member that has developed and/or implemented an innovative risk management idea or program 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 2018. The 2018 award will be formally presented at the January Full Board in 2019. 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.

(It's still a secret.....the award winner for 2017 will be announced at the January Full Board meeting on January 19, 2018.)

And not to be forgotten.....the informative and always lively **Risk Manager Forums** will be back soon and coming to you starting in February! Watch your emails for more information!

2018 looks to be a busy and exciting year; we look forward to getting out and visiting the membership once again!