

# Risk Services welcomes in the New Year and gets ready to roll out the 2019 COMPACT!

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Happy New Year to all of our members! As we wave good bye to 2018 and say hello to 2019, Risk Services is already on the move, springing into action getting ready to roll out the 2019 programs.

Thank you to the 2018 Long Range Planning Committee which met this past August to discuss WCIA staff recommendations for the 2019 COMPACT. Members of the committee included Shelley Acero-Burlington; Deborah Knight-Monroe; Kristin Banfield- Arlington; David Kline-Tukwila; Dave Timmons-Port Townsend; Joel Walinski-Leavenworth; Donald Day-Sunnyside; Bob Larson-Snoqualmie; and Steve Taylor-Kelso.

For the **2019 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 2019 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 option 1 audit topics for 2018 are a **new** Public Works audit with an emphasis on roadways, and a return of the Parks and Recreation Programs and Personnel audits.

## 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)
- Risk 101 Analysis (**New for 2019!**)

### 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:**

For 2019, members will still be required to complete three WCIA educational sessions. Watch for more communications in January and February as we get set to roll out the 2019 COMPACT. There is an abundance of educational opportunities available! Time to sharpen those number 2 pencils!

#### **The New Year surely brings something to celebrate! The WCIA Special Events Toolkit celebrates its' one-year anniversary!**

Joining the established ranks of the WCIA Sidewalk Toolkit, WCIA's Special Events Toolkit celebrates its first anniversary! 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; 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 2019! Put on those thinking caps as its time for the...drum roll please...wait for it...Yes, it's the**

#### **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 2019, members who did not receive a mitigation grant in 2018 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 2018. Applications and guidelines will be sent to delegates via email by January 21 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.

**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!

2019 looks to be a busy and exciting year; we look forward to getting out and visiting the membership once again!