



Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency



Calendar

Next Board Meeting

October 30, 2019

Upcoming Meetings

August 13, 2019  
Public Works Steering Committee

August 15, 2019  
Police Chiefs Steering Committee

August 22, 2019  
Fire Chiefs Steering Committee

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**IRMA's State of the Membership Report: 2018 was a great year!**

We have just released the [IRMA State of the Membership Report](#) for 2018. Of particular significance, in 2018, IRMA had the fewest number of workers' compensation claims filed since 1979! A record year! In addition, we paid less in lost time in 2018 than we have paid in 16 years. Our average cost per workers' compensation claim is the lowest it's been in 7 years. Finally, we returned more interest income to our members (\$11 million!) than we have in 18 years. It's definitely a good time to be an IRMA member.

**Meet Executive Board Member Lisa Scheiner**



Lisa Scheiner has worked for the Village of River Forest nearly 6 years. Before that, she worked in Burr Ridge for 10 years as the Assistant to the Administrator and then Assistant Village Administrator. Prior to that, she was an Administrative Analyst for Orland Park and an intern for St. Charles. Among her many responsibilities with River Forest, Lisa oversees human resources, including risk management and labor relations and has successfully led the Village's multi-faceted defense of several high-liability public safety injury claims. [Read more...](#)

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## Upcoming Trainings

August 20, 2019

[Trench Excavation  
Compliance Training](#)

August 21, 2019

[Confined Space  
Compliance Training](#)

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### IRMA Partners with TAHPI in 2018 Pilot Program

Beginning in 2019, IRMA rolled out a new workers' compensation pilot program with 6-member fire departments and the Tactical Athlete Health & Performance Institute (TAHPI). TAHPI is a workers' compensation medical management and health/wellness program targeted at fire and police departments which includes preferred providers, a streamlined treatment process and health/wellness initiatives. [Read more...](#)



### Litigation Successes

#### Reverse Conviction Case Voluntarily Dismissed

The biggest known liability threat to IRMA members, and all municipalities in the country, is reverse conviction cases. The Chicago region has been at the center of many of the cases, many of which have been the subject of investigations by the Innocence Project. Members of IRMA are familiar with the complex nature of these cases where the plaintiff was incarcerated for multiple years until he is exonerated of the crime. The law is in flux with respect to the appropriate "trigger" year for coverage in these cases. [Read more...](#)

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### Stretching Program Delivers Results

The Village of Carol Stream Public Works Department has seen a reduction in the frequency and severity of injuries in the Street Division after instituting a voluntary stretching program in August 2016. In the years since, a review of claim history reveals that the number of workers' compensation claims has gone down 40% and there is a reduction in incurred claims costs of 18%. [Read more...](#)

### IRMA Recognizes Members' Achievements

At the June 19<sup>th</sup> IRMA Board meeting staff recognized the Large, Small and Special District Category Ranking Award and Zero Accident Award winners for 2018.



Performance Award Ranking

From Left: Ben Harris, Lincolnwood; Lynn McCammon, Winfield; and Charles Ghiloni, NEMRT



Zero Accident Award Recipients – 22 departments had no accidents in 2018

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### *Training* AND EDUCATION

#### Active Shooter Preparedness

The Virginia Beach Municipal Building was the latest casualty to suffer from an active shooter incident. IRMA encourages all members to create an Active Shooter Emergency Action Plan and to conduct regular training with all staff on how to prevent, prepare and respond to an active shooter specific to your workplace. [Read more...](#)

*Save the Date!*

***IRMA's 6th Annual Education Summit***

***NIU-Naperville***

***October 30, 2019***



***Followed by IRMA's 40th Anniversary Luncheon & Board Meeting***

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As we move into summer, many municipal employees will be working in extreme heat conditions. To avoid risk of heat stress or illness, IRMA recommends raising awareness. Conduct trainings, post information in breakrooms and review work plans to maximize employee protection this summer.

[Working in the Summer Heat](#) tailgate talk

[Summer Safety](#) training kit

[Heat Stress Awareness](#) video streaming catalog (Pin: JS9098)

[Summer Hazard Safety](#) video streaming catalog (Pin: JS4551)

[Signs of Heat Stress](#) poster

[Protect your Workers from Heat Stress](#) poster

[NIOSH Heat Safety Tool](#) Smartphone App



## Safety Toolbox

**BLR – Employee Newsletter – [June 2019](#)**

**BLR – Employee Safety Newsletter – [June 2019](#)**

**EHS – Employee Newsletter – [June 2019](#)**

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