



Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency



Calendar

Next Board Meeting

June 19, 2019

Upcoming Meetings

May 29, 2019  
Administration & Finance Committee

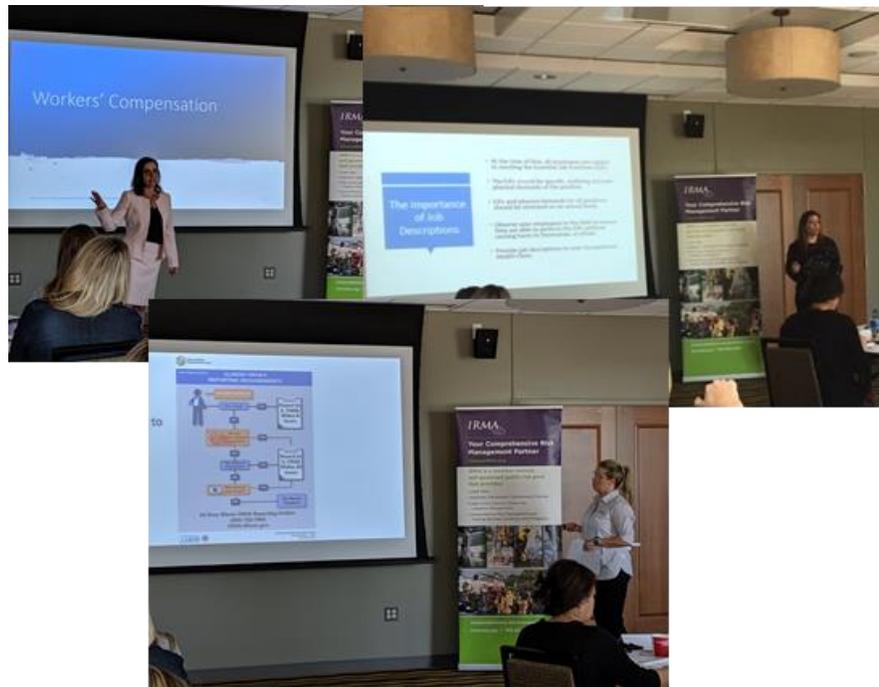
June 5, 2019  
Executive Board

June 20, 2019  
Joint Steering Committee Meeting

eNews | May 22, 2019



College of DuPage Public Service Institute's Spring Session Leading Teams II



IRMA was the featured presenter at the College of DuPage Public Service Institute's Spring Session Leading Teams II. Executive Director, Margo Ely; Risk Manager, Jennifer Swahlstedt; and Loss Control Representative, Frankie Giannetti led a four-hour course educating local public entity leaders on the importance of understanding the risks their organizations face and providing solutions to help mitigate those risks. The presentation covered a wide range of topics, from relevant laws to risk prevention tips, early intervention and OSHA regulations. This provided us the opportunity to market and highlight the benefits of IRMA.

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## Upcoming Trainings

June 4, 2019

[Work Zone Safety](#)

## eNews

### Member Information

To maintain the accuracy of IRMA's Membership Directory, each member is requested to complete and submit one copy of the Member Information Form linked below. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

#### [Member Information Form](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Morin at [donnam@irmarisk.org](mailto:donnam@irmarisk.org) or (708) 236-6349.

LATEST  
NEWS

### Please welcome 2019 Summer Safety Intern Jack LeBaron!

Jack is an Occupational Health & Safety student from Illinois State University and is joining IRMA for 12-week internship through August 9<sup>th</sup>.



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## eNews



### What You Need to Know When Assessing Flood Damaged Equipment

With the Midwestern United States experiencing historic flood levels, knowing what to look for around electrical equipment is critical information. Watch this archived [NFPA® Live video](#) featuring NFPA senior electrical specialist Gil Moniz as he discusses how to evaluate equipment that has been exposed to damaging flood waters.

## LEGAL EXPERTS



### Disclosure of Personal Information and a Constitutional Right to Privacy

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In this digital age and the growing popularity of FOIA, the disclosure of what might arguably be considered private information could easily happen with just one email. Fortunately, Illinois Courts are taking a closer look at whether such digital communications, inadvertent or not, are actionable for money damages. [Read more...](#)

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## eNews



### Litigation Successes

#### Surveillance video has big impact in workers compensation case

The firefighter reported 3 injuries in about a year, claiming his back, neck and shoulder were hurt. In all, he had 12 workers' compensation injuries during his employment with an IRMA member. He claimed he couldn't work and applied for a disability pension. The member was suspicious and, in cooperation with us, we obtained video of him golfing on multiple occasions. We also obtained surveillance video of him breaking up concrete with a crowbar, shovel and sledgehammer and then throwing chunks of concrete into a dumpster. At the pension board hearing, there was evidence that he golfed 29 rounds in a period of 6 months, during which he was unable to work. The pension board denied his application. At the trial in the workers compensation case, the arbitrator determined that he failed to prove 2 of the 3 injuries and noted significant discrepancies in his reported pain and the video evidence. In the end, the Arbitrator's finding resulted in savings of thousands of dollars. [Read more...](#)



### Safety Toolbox

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

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

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

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## eNews

*Training* AND EDUCATION

NATIONAL  
**SAFETY**  
MONTH

### June is...National Safety Month

In celebration, IRMA has posted the National Safety Council's weekly training materials. These make for easy 5-minute safety talks for any operating department.

Week 1: [Hazard Recognition](#)

Week 2: [Slips, Trips & Falls](#)

Week 3: [Fatigue](#)

Week 4: [Impairment](#)

Share the message of SAFETY this June!

### The Greenest Region Compact: Grant Opportunities through Sustainability Plan for Municipalities

Sustainability is broadly defined to include actions that are economically sound and provide benefits for people and the planet. Municipalities of all sizes are taking actions that are sustainable, though they may not realize it. Public works have a vital role in sustaining communities as stewards of streets, water resources, energy, landscapes and more. [Read more...](#)

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