



Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency



Calendar

Next Board Meeting

October 14, 2020

Upcoming Meetings

July 28, 2020
Public Works Steering Committee
(Cancelled)

August 13, 2020
Fire Chiefs Steering Committee

August 18, 2020
Police Chiefs Steering Committee

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July 23, 2020



Relationship Between Law Enforcement Agencies and the Community: 10 Shared Principles

By: Susan Garvey, Director of Legal Services at IRMA

In 2018, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) along with the NAACP signed a historic agreement on 10 shared principles. The initiative began months after Michael Brown, an unarmed black teenager, was shot and killed by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri. The Shared Principles Agreement involves 10 concepts of good policing which are designed to bridge the gap of mistrust between police and communities of color. [Read more...](#)

Some Good News: \$23 million in Interest Income

As IRMA members anticipate declines in sales and other tax revenue as a consequence from the Governor’s Executive Orders, we have some good news. Every year, IRMA determines the appropriate dollars to maintain in the Members’ Reserve Fund based on the bylaw formula. [Read more...](#)

Please welcome 2020 MPA Intern David Long!



It brings our organization great pleasure to introduce David Long, our MPA Intern. This fall David will be pursuing his master’s in public administration with a concentration in strategic public management and leadership at Northern Illinois University while serving as our intern. [Read more...](#)

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Upcoming Trainings

August 5, 2020

[Information Technology Security in Your Organization Part II](#)

August 6, 2020

[Working Together to Defend Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Anxiety Claims Webinar](#)

August 11, 2020

[My Community Workplace-LMS Demonstration](#)

August 20, 2020

[Mental Illness & the ADA-How to Manage Employees \(TBA\)](#)

August 27, 2020

[Wellness and Behavioral Health \(TBA\)](#)

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LATEST NEWS

Happy Anniversary – 20 Years



IRMA Staff celebrated the 20-year employment anniversary of Donna Morin, Executive Secretary. Congratulations Donna!



Emergency Travel Orders During COVID-19

By: Jennifer Swahlstedt, Director of Training & Risk Management at IRMA

IRMA has been notified of several instances wherein municipal employees have traveled domestically or internationally to areas experiencing surges of COVID-19 cases and later tested positive themselves **after** returning to work. While it is at the discretion of each municipality, IRMA recommends that municipal employers implement a 14-day self-quarantine requirement in accordance with federal and state emergency travel orders to reduce the chance of an outbreak occurring at the workplace. [Read more...](#)

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Employer Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs for Non-CDL Drivers

By: Frankie Giannetti, Loss Control Manager at IRMA

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMSCA) has determined that alcohol abuse and illegal drug use pose specific dangers to the safety and welfare of drivers and the public. To keep a drug and alcohol-free transportation system, employers must administer a controlled substances and alcohol misuse program, including a drug and alcohol testing policy for its employees that hold a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and operate commercial vehicles.

[Read more...](#)



IRMA Joins AMICUS Brief in Supreme Court Case

By: Margo Ely, Executive Director at IRMA

Along with the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA) and the National Association of Police Organization (NAPO), IRMA filed an amicus brief this month in a case with important implications for IRMA members. One of the most challenging risks IRMA members face is the prospect of reverse conviction cases filed many years after the conviction. Since IRMA funds our claims on a calendar basis, if IRMA is not aware of a case until many years after the conviction, then we are unlikely to have sufficient reserves in that claim year to defend the case. To file a reverse conviction case, the plaintiff's conviction must be overturned with a finding that he was wrongly convicted or innocent. We have seen many convictions reversed many years later, with new DNA evidence.

[Read more...](#)

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Claims

Vehicle Video Wins Day for Subrogation Dispute

By Margie Zarcone, Supervisor, Liability Claim Operations at IRMA

The member's ambulance was passing a private drive when the other vehicle, insured by AIG Insurance, attempted a left turn from that driveway. The AIG insured had almost completed her turn when the front of the ambulance made contact with the left rear quarter panel of the other vehicle. [Read more...](#)

Tort Immunity Wins the Day

By Margie Zarcone, Supervisor, Liability Claim Operations at IRMA

After working on a water main and restoring water service, a backflow device failed resulting in water damage to a business insured by Travelers. Upon learning of the failure, the Village quickly moved to repair the problem. The business sustained \$30,518.71 in damages to the building and contents. [Read more...](#)



Website Update: Best Practice Model Guidelines is now [Risk Management Policy Templates](#)

IRMA has always provided developed policies and best practice templates for members to download in an editable format. The templates are designed for members to customize employer specific policies. The Risk Management and Training Department has re-organized the templates and refreshed the website so members can easily find the policy templates. IRMA still is working to update older versions and create new templates for member use.

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Here's How to Prevent Lift Assists from Breaking Your Back

By: Rick Binder, Director of Sales and Marketing at Binder Lift

Across the country fire and EMS departments are experiencing an [increase in 911 calls from those who fell and need a lift assist](#). Although there are many theories about how to reduce the volume of these calls, we as EMS providers, should acknowledge that it'll always be our job to respond to individuals who need help. [Read more...](#)



Online Training Offerings

By: Jennifer Swahlstedt, Director of Risk Management & Training at IRMA

IRMA has developed several online training options for the membership to assist with meeting training goals and keeping employee safety in the forefront.

[Read more...](#)

New Online Training Offered!

IRMA is excited to bring a new, complimentary online training platform to the membership. Through our partnership with Safety National, SafetySkills Learning Management Software provides over 700+ engaging employee training on topics for safety, health, human resources and leadership. An account has been made for all Delegates, Alternates and Department Heads. For more information, visit IRMA's website under [Online Training](#), then select Safety Skills or reach out to anyone on IRMA's Risk Management Team.

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Diversity & Inclusion Training

[Candid Conversations Matter](#) offers a 30% discount to members wanting to schedule a training session.

Hand Sanitizer Discount



IRMA is proud to share a hand sanitizer discount recently received from [CMA Supply Warehouse](#).



Safety Toolbox

BLR – [Employee Newsletter – July 2020](#)

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EHS – [Employee Newsletter – July 2020](#)

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