



Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency



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June 16, 2020

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Please Welcome the Village of Huntley to IRMA

On May 1, the Village of Huntley became a member of IRMA, increasing the membership to 71 members. The Village is managed by a full-time professional manager with a staff of approximately 95 employees. Huntley ranks right in the middle of the IRMA membership with approximately \$17 million in revenues.

[Read more...](#)

IRMA provides Coverage Analysis for Sales Tax Interruption

As IRMA members contemplate declines in sales tax revenues, questions about loss of sales tax revenue coverage arise. There is already litigation pending around the country related to the issue. We have provided an [analysis](#) of the question that will be presented at the June 16 Board of Director's meeting.

COVID-19 Updates – IRMA Keeps Members Informed

There has been a flurry of activity related to COVID-19 and the Governor's Executive Orders in the past month. IRMA has provided frequent guidance and resources to our members. [Read more...](#)

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Risk Management Considerations for the Reopening of Restaurants – Phase 3

By: Frankie Giannetti, IRMA Loss Control Manager

As IRMA members look forward to reaching Phase 3 of the Governor's plan, balancing the need for economic vitality with the health and safety of our communities, the prospect of closing streets to vehicles so that restaurants can have additional dining capacity is viable. [Read more...](#)

IRMA Negotiates PPE Discounts and Creates \$70,000 Grant Program

The Training and Risk Management Committee approved a new [grant](#) for IRMA members to purchase PPE. The Committee voted unanimously to fund the new grant program at \$70,000. For review, the agenda item can be found [here](#). Within two weeks, the grant funding has been exhausted. IRMA received a record 31 applications, disbursing awards to 16 members for purchases already made for COVID-19 PPE or equipment. The remaining 15 members are making purchases with the funding secured by IRMA through this grant. In addition, IRMA negotiated with PPE vendor Binder Lift to provide PPE to IRMA members at cost.

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Chief James R. Black Sworn in as 72nd President of Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police May 1st



Congratulations to Chief Black of the Crystal Lake Police Department for being sworn in as the 72nd President of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police on May 1st. [Read more...](#)

Chief Marc Maton named Chief of the Year



Congratulations to Chief Maton, Lemont Police Department for being named the 2020 Chief of the Year by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. [Read more...](#)

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Please welcome 2020 Summer Safety Intern Abdul Yusuf-Omane!



Abdul is an Occupational Health & Safety student from Illinois State University and is joining IRMA for a 12-week internship through August 7th.

Claims

Big Subrogation Win for IRMA

By: Margie Zarcone, Supervisor, Liability Claim Operations at IRMA

Faith Styles has won another big subrogation recovery. The Allstate insured made a left turn in front of the member's vehicle. The member's vehicle sustained \$19,813.50 and was deemed a total loss. [Read more...](#)

Another Subrogation Recovery

By: Margie Zarcone, Supervisor, Liability Claim Operations at IRMA

Cecilia Sierra, an adjuster on the General Liability Claims Team, prevailed in an arbitration dispute with State Farm arising from a car accident where State Farm's driver was at fault. [Read more...](#)

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2020 Boiler & Machinery Visits

By: Jennifer Swahlstedt, Director of Risk Management & Training

Due to COVID-19, all planned Boiler & Machinery Visits performed by Travelers Insurance are postponed until field staff can safely return to regular operations. It is our understanding that the State Inspectors have suspended operations as well, therefore we do not expect any members to be subject to an inspection visit.

[Read more...](#)

Suspected Unemployment Fraud Claims

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

Nationally there have been many reports of fraudulent applications unemployment compensation and identity theft during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many times, this is a result of a data security breach. [Read more...](#)

My Community Workplace

Has Social Distancing and Remote Workers Made Your VPN More Vulnerable?

With millions of Americans working from home because of the coronavirus pandemic, information technology departments may be too stretched to keep networks updated. Virtual private networks have been overloaded with remote workers. Shuttered nonessential businesses are also easy targets. [Read more...](#)

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Agency Data Is A Gold Mine for Cyber Attacks: What Steps Limit Exposure?

Two victims of a state securities agency data breach are suing the agency, alleging the agency egregiously mishandled a breach that exposed the personal data of more than 300,000 individuals. [Read more...](#)

Training AND EDUCATION

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

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



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May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and it has never been more important than this year as COVID-19 pandemic has put extraordinary stressors on everyone, especially the first responders and essential workers. [Read more...](#)

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Law

The Illinois Department of Human Rights released their sexual harassment prevention training to assist employers with complying with the amended Illinois Human Rights Act to provide annual training to employees. This information can be found on the [IRMA Website](#).

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