



Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency



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December 15, 2020

Upcoming Meetings

December 1, 2020
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November 23, 2020



IRMA BOD Poised to Release \$20 Million to Members

By: Rita Boserup, Finance Director at IRMA

At the December 16, 2020 IRMA Board of Directors Meeting, the membership will vote on returning \$20 million to members in 2020. Every year, the membership looks at all claim years at least 5 years old and determines if the Members Reserve balance is in excess of what is required to be held by the bylaws. IRMA's Administration and Finance Committee monitors our investments, which are diversified with 50% invested in equities, which typically return a higher rate than more conservative fixed asset alternatives. For many years, IRMA has enjoyed positive investment returns, allowing us to return millions in investment income to our members. In fact, over just the past 10 years, IRMA has returned almost \$69 million to our members. IRMA's investment portfolio is holding its own for 2020, tracking at a 2% rate of return.

The Case for Non-Profit Intergovernmental Risk Pools – The Time is Now

(This article will be published in ILCMA soon)

By: Margo Ely, Executive Director at IRMA

It is no secret that insurance costs, injuries, and lawsuits are not often top priorities for City Managers. However, with the expected revenue impact due to COVID-19 for municipalities, the cost of insurance may be a necessary issue for review. When budgets are being cut, it is important to examine all areas of spend to find potential solutions. For many years, the insurance industry experienced a "soft market" where costs were reasonable, and increases were modest.

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Upcoming Trainings

December 2, 2020

[Cyber Security Awareness-Part II: Cyber Risk Assessments Day 1](#)

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[Cyber Security Awareness-Part II: Cyber Risk Assessments Day 2](#)

December 8, 2020

[Cyber Security Awareness-Part III: Cyber Policy Developments Day 1](#)

December 9, 2020

[Cyber Security Awareness-Part III: Cyber Policy Developments Day 2](#)

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Eager Beaver Award

The Eager Beaver award goes to Dave Danielson at the Village of West Dundee. Not only did Dave return his revenue base worksheet in 45 minutes after the email went out, but it was also completely accurate as well. Thanks, Dave!



Video Surveillance of Injured Worker results in 6-month Suspension without pay

By: Margo Ely, Executive Director at IRMA

Over the past several months, we have observed that some injured workers have been totally unable to work despite their employers having light duty work available. In one such instance, the Village of Oak Brook was suspicious that the injured worker was in fact able to work light duty, but simply did not want to because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. [Read more...](#)

Court Rules in Favor of Village in Sidewalk Case

By: Margo Ely, Executive Director at IRMA

Trip and fall cases arising from sidewalk deviations present challenging liability exposures for municipalities. In one recent case, the trial court granted summary judgment to the Village of LaGrange and the Plaintiff appealed the decision.

[Read more...](#)

Drunk Driver Loses Case against Police Officer

By: Margo Ely, Executive Director at IRMA

A ridiculous case. Plaintiff Marcos Rodriguez spent the night drinking whiskey at a friend's house and left around 5:30 a.m. to drive home. Shortly thereafter, he caused a low impact rear-end collision at a red light. [Read more...](#)

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Please welcome Jenny Porrevecchio!



IRMA is excited to welcome Jenny to the Risk Management and Training Department. Jenny joined the IRMA team as the Senior Loss Control Consultant. She has worked in public entity risk management for nearly 15 years, starting her career in aquatics and recreation as Lisle Park District's Aquatics and Fitness Facility Manager. [Read more...](#)

Please welcome Marisol Nuno!



Please join me in welcoming Marisol to the Workers' Compensation Team. Marisol joined the team as a Claims Representative II and will be taking over Jilma's former role as our Workers' Compensation Subrogation Specialist. [Read more...](#)

Congratulations to Sheila Klimczak on her retirement!

After 4 years with IRMA, Sheila is retiring. We wish her the best!



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Happy Veterans Day!



Many IRMA members know IRMA's Loss Control Manager Frankie Giannetti as a risk management and training expert, available to members for consultations regarding COVID, CDC, IDPH, OSHA, Core4, Accident Investigation and many more. However, Frankie is also a veteran, serving in the Air Force for 10 years where she was awarded Trainer of the Year. In this 2006 picture, Frankie is working on a F-16 in Iraq. We hope everyone celebrated our veterans this month.



Long Winters Keep Your Drivers Behind the Wheel; How Long Is Too Long?

By: Frankie Giannetti, Loss Control Manager at IRMA

A common question many municipal managers ask IRMA staff is how long can I keep an employee out plowing snow during a winter storm? The better question to ask is how long SHOULD I keep an employee out behind the wheel?

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Village of Lemont Public Works Visited By OSHA, Credits Department, IRMA, and PWSC For Success

By: Frankie Giannetti, Loss Control Manager at IRMA

On August 18, 2020, ILOSHA made an unannounced visit to the Village of Lemont Public Works Department. Compliance officers inspected both the Water Plant and the main Public Works facility, treating each location as a separate entity. The Public Works Department passed both inspections with zero hazards identified and zero citations. [Read more...](#)

West Chicago Fire Protection District & Canine Thor are Nationally Certified

By: Jennifer Swahlstedt, Director of Risk Management & Training



In October, the West Chicago Fire Protection District and Thor became nationally certified as a “live find” search and rescue team. Thor and his handler Firefighter Paramedic Baseggio have been training diligently for several years, working with the Search Dog Foundation and Illinois Task Force-1 K9 Team. Our collective congratulations to a job well done!

Canine Search Teams in the Fire Service

By: Tim Leidig, Assistant Fire Chief

The Canine Search Teams work closely with area Fire Departments, Search and Rescue Teams, Law Enforcement Agencies, or any other agency requesting the assistance of canine resources. The main objective for the deployment of Canine Resources is to preserve the lives of individuals who find themselves in life threatening situations, lost and/or exposed to the elements. [Read more...](#)

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Training AND EDUCATION

We're Better Together

By: Jennifer Swahlstedt, Director of Risk Management & Training

Throughout the month of October, IRMA hosted the 7th Annual Education Summit virtually. Every Tuesday and Thursday, IRMA staff featuring Member Panelists addressed pressing municipal issues, new case law, risk mitigation strategies and shared lessons learned that will keep your organizations running smoothly.

[Read more...](#)

And the Winner Is....Village of Mundelein Fire Department!

By: Jennifer Swahlstedt, Director of Risk Management & Training



Pictured from left to right: Deputy Chief Darren Brents, Mayor Steve Lentz, and Chief Bill Lark

Annually IRMA awards one of our members with the Innovative Risk Management Award to those that have demonstrated an ability to mitigate a new or emerging risk within their organization either with innovative technology or development of a program that other members could emulate in their own organizations. [Read more...](#)

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Preparing for Flu Season and COVID-19

By: Jennifer Swahlstedt, Director of Risk Management & Training

The National Safety Council (NSC) created a quick guide for how to navigate through the flu season with the additional risks associated with COVID-19. Learn how to spot key differences between the flu and COVID-19, how to prevent the spread of both, and more.

NSC Safety Spotlight: [Preparing for Flu Seasons & COVID-19](#)



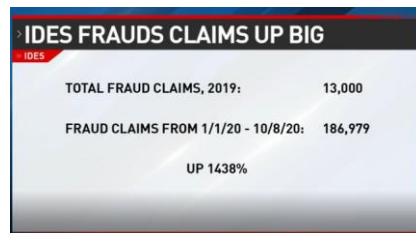
Fight IDES Fraud with NSN Employer Services

By: Jennifer Swahlstedt, Director of Risk Management & Training

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.

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A Snow-fighting Mission: The Carol Stream Public Works Director Calls for More Research

By: Jennifer Swahlstedt, Director of Risk Management & Training

Phil Modaff, the Director of Carol Stream Public Works Department, is on a mission, spearheading a research project to help organizations plan for the snow-fighting season. [Read more...](#)



Safety Toolbox

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

BLR – [Employee Safety Newsletter – November 2020](#)

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



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