



County Connection

News from the Washington Counties Risk Pool

August 2022

WHAT'S NEW AT THE POOL?

WCRP Summer Board of Directors' Meeting Recap

We had an overall great Summer Conference this year and thank you all for attending! Thank you to our great Member Services Team for putting on a terrific Conference and thanks to all the staff members who helped out and provided support and participation throughout the Conference week!

A lot of important decisions were made by the Board of Directors as we prepare for the upcoming 2022-23 Fiscal Year, and we invite you to review takeaways from the meeting by [clicking here](#).

Also, don't miss our **PoolCast** on August 12th from 10:00am-11:00am where the WCRP's Executive Director will go over the upcoming 2022-23 costs. Keep an eye out for the official announcement.

2022-23 Invoices Coming Soon

The WCRP will be sending out invoices this September for the WCRP 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. Each county will receive up to five (5) separate invoices for your assessments for the five WCRP coverage lines (Liability, Property, Cyber, Terrorism, and Crime).

The coverage period for all of these coverages is October 1, 2022, to October 1, 2023. We will include the supporting documentation with the invoices, so each county is aware of how their cost was arrived at.

All payments are due prior to October 31, 2022, however, you also have the option of paying your Liability Assessment at 100% of last year's total assessment, with the remaining balance due by May 1, 2023. You may also pay your Property Assessment at 50% by October 31, 2022, and the other 50% by May 1, 2023.

If you have any questions or need assistance with your invoice(s), please contact WCRP's Finance Team at your earliest convenience by calling Deanna Owen (360) 292-4496 or Sally King (360) 292-4480 or by emailing Accounting@wcrp.wa.gov.

RISK MANAGEMENT NEWS

County Fair Preparedness

Fairs are a great time for the community but can also pose a great deal of risk for the county. The work you put into managing the risk ahead of, and during, the fair, can greatly reduce the risk of injuries to fairgoers, and will ensure the fair is a success.

Many counties conduct a walk-through inspection the month prior to the fair and that is a great practice to help mitigate hazards in advance. WCRP not only encourages this, but also

recommends an extra walk-through inspection early in the year as well, which allows additional time to address any major issues identified during the inspection.

Having a plan and process in place for reviewing the types of events or vendors you will have at the fair is key. Consider having your legal team, Risk Manager, and the WCRP review contracts, especially the hold harmless, indemnification, and insurance requirements. The goal is always to transfer as much risk as possible and depending on the circumstances, it's okay to say "no" to certain activities or events that are too risky.

You can find resources, such as waivers and checklists at the [WCRP's Sample Policy Library](#). Just type "fair" into the search bar.

Reach out to the WCRP Risk Team at Risk-Claims@wcrp.wa.gov if you would like to discuss ways you can prepare for events at your county's fairgrounds or other facilities. Hope you all have fun, safe, and successful fairs this year!

Virtual Reality Training Systems are Here!

The two Street Smarts VR Training Systems are almost ready to be loaned out to member counties!! We're excited to roll out these systems, which were recently purchased by the WCRP to provide assistance to our Law Enforcement partners with tactical law enforcement training. Our last "train the trainer" instruction session was held on July 14th and we received very positive feedback from our deputies and supervisors who went through the training. Our goal is to deploy one system in Eastern Washington and the other system in Western Washington for maximum member usage of the systems. The loaner program will be coordinated through an online scheduling system that each sheriff's office will have access to for booking. Information on how to book one of the training systems will be out soon!

If you would like to learn more about the Street Smarts VR systems or have questions about the loaner program, please email Risk-Claims@wcrp.wa.gov.

MEMBER SERVICES NEWS

On-Demand Supervisory Courses are Here!

We are thrilled to announce the successful release of our very own on-demand courses available through [WCRP's Online University](#) supported by LocalGovU!! The WCRP worked with instructor, Connie Poulsen, to provide her sought after supervisory skills training in an online on-demand format. Not only can we reach supervisors with shift work schedules who may not have been able to attend live virtual or in-person training in the past, this will allow any supervisor to take the desired course in a way that fits their work schedule best. These on-demand courses are self-paced, and learners can revisit courses at any time, picking up where they left off. The best part? Members have FREE unlimited access to these courses!!

[Management & Supervisory 101](#)

This course builds a foundation for any leader, and is great for new or up-and-coming supervisors, or seasoned supervisors seeking a refresher.

[Management & Supervisory 201](#)

This course builds upon the foundation established in the 101 course and it will provide supervisors with tools needed to face more complex issues.

Click the titles above to learn more and to get started. You can also access this information and the WCRP Online University portal from the [WCRP training](#) page, under the On-Demand Online Training section.

Email MemberServices@wcrp.wa.gov if you have questions about these on-demand courses or if you need assistance getting started.

WCRP Training

Washington Counties Risk Pool sponsored trainings are available to members at no charge! Please click each training title for specific details and to register.

[The Art of Giving and Receiving Feedback](#)

August 22 & 23 | 10:00am-12:30pm both days | Virtual

Audience: New or upcoming supervisors, and seasoned supervisors seeking a refresher.
Cap: 30 attendees

[Leading a Workplace Free of Harassment and Discrimination](#)

September 13 | 9:00am-12:00pm | Wenatchee, WA

Audience: Supervisors and organizational leaders
Cap: 30 attendees

[Providing A+ Customer Service in a Public Sector Environment](#)

August 10 | 10:00am-12:00pm | Virtual

Audience: Those new to customer service roles in the public sector, and those seeking a refresher.
Cap: 100 attendees

[Supervisor Boot Camp](#)

September 12 | 9:00am-4:30pm | Wenatchee, WA

Audience: New or upcoming supervisors, and seasoned supervisors seeking a refresher.
Cap: 30 attendees

[Surviving the Active Lethal Threat](#)

August 17 | 9:00am-12:00pm | Pasco, WA

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August 22 | 9:00am-12:00pm | Wenatchee, WA

August 22 | 1:00pm-4:00pm | Wenatchee, WA

Audience: Recommended for staff in all work environments and at all levels.
Cap: 150 attendees

[Verbal S.W.A.T.](#)

August 16 | 8:30am-5:00pm | Pasco, WA

August 23 | 8:30am-5:00pm | Wenatchee, WA

August 24 | 8:30am-5:00pm | Wenatchee, WA

Audience: Recommended for staff in all work environments and at all levels.
Cap: 50 attendees

Additional trainings will be coming soon, so be sure to check out the [WCRP Training](#) page for the most current listings.

WCRP Scholarship Offers

Click each link below for a full description and please contact your county risk manager for availability and usage instructions prior to registering.

New offers will be coming soon so check out the [WCRP Scholarships](#) page for the most current listing of pre-arranged scholarship offers.

Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) Webinars:

- [Embracing Conflict at Work](#) | August 17

2 scholarships per member county, covering the cost of registration only.

- [Priority-Based Budgeting](#) | August 31
2 scholarships per member county, covering the cost of registration only.

Police Training Solutions 21st Century Sergeants' Academy | August 22-26

- 5 consecutive days of in-person training ([click to learn more](#))
1 scholarship per member county, covering the cost of registration only.

Pacific Training Group (PTG) In-Person Training:

- [Developing & Managing a Field Training Program](#) | October 12-14
Hosted by Kittitas County Sheriff's Office
2 scholarships per member county, covering the cost of registration only.
- [Combating Inmate Manipulation](#) | October 4
Hosted by Kittitas County Sheriff's Office
2 scholarships per member county, covering the cost of registration only.
- [Combating Inmate Manipulation](#) | December 1
Hosted by Skagit County Sheriff's Office
2 scholarships per member county, covering the cost of registration only.

The National Tactical Officer's Association (NTOA) Command College

The National Tactical Officer's Association (NTOA) Command College is comprised of three modules, totaling 562 hours of training. WCRP is offering a limited number of scholarships to cover the cost of registration in the amount of \$1,575 for the first module, Tactical Leadership (186 hours).

The WCRP scholarship will cover the cost of registration for the Tactical Leadership program only, and the offer is limited to five scholarships throughout the entire WCRP membership on a first come first served basis. If interested in this offer, we ask that you please contact your county risk manager.

To learn more about NTOA's Command College, please visit: www.ntoa.org/academy.

Summit Law Group's Employment Law Webinars

Summit Law Group offers live Employment Law webinars that are also now available on-demand! The WCRP is offering 50% reimbursement of the annual subscription cost (not to exceed \$1,000 per member). Members would first pay Summit Law Group and then request 50% reimbursement from the pool. We ask that reimbursement requests be submitted to WCRP by the county risk manager.

To learn more about pricing and to view the webinar schedule, please visit the [Summit Law Group Webinar](#) page.

Questions about training or member programs?
Email MemberServices@wcrp.wa.gov.

SAVE THE DATES!

WCRP Conferences & Board Meetings

Fall Educational Conference | October 26-28, 2022
Alderbrook Resort & Spa | Union, WA | Mason County

Spring Conference & Board Meeting | March 29-31, 2023
Hotel Murano | Tacoma, WA | Pierce County

Summer Conference & Board Meeting | July 19-21, 2023
Davenport Grand | Spokane | Spokane County

WCRP Committee Meetings

Executive Committee Meeting | March 17, 2023

WCRP Office with virtual option

Investment Committee Meeting | March 31, 2023

Hotel Murano | Tacoma, WA | Pierce County



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