



County Connection

News from the Washington Counties Risk Pool

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WHAT'S NEW AT THE POOL?

Message From The WCRP Executive Director

As we wrap up the first quarter of the new fiscal year, please check out the [Executive Director's Message](#), which summarizes important decisions the Board made for this new fiscal year, budget preparation tips for next year's program costs, and a recap of the WCRP's first annual Fall Symposium!

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss any topics more in depth, please email Derek directly at derek@wcrp.wa.gov.

FY2022-23 Coverage Documents

Coverage documents for the FY2022-23 Liability, Property, Cyber, Terrorism, and Crime programs are being posted on the [Coverage Documents](#) webpage, which is within the Members Only section of the WCRP website. Keep an eye out for additional policies being posted as they are issued by the insurers.

Please email risk-claims@wcrp.wa.gov if you need assistance or have specific coverage related questions.

RISK MANAGEMENT NEWS

WCRP Pre-Defense Review (PDR) Program

As we are all making efforts to eliminate claims and manage risk, please remember to take advantage of the WCRP's Pre-Defense Review (PDR) program.

While most of the PDR's requested are related to employment matters, they can be used for other issues such as road design, law enforcement, jail incidents, and possibly others. There are no additional costs for using the PDR program and it has saved counties and the Pool significantly by reducing or eliminating exposures. In just this last fiscal year alone, there were a total of 87 PDRs requested by member counties, and only 4 of those became an actual claim.

All requests for a PDR should first be cleared with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the request should come from the county designated Risk Manager or from the Prosecuting Attorney. Please encourage all of your elected officials and department heads to take advantage of this valuable Program!!

All PDR requests are subject to approval by WCRP staff. To request a PDR or for questions, please email risk-claims@wcrp.wa.gov.

Law Enforcement & Corrections Accreditation

Accreditation for Law Enforcement & Corrections through the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs (WASPC) is important for agencies to ensure they are following best practices and procedures and strengthens the community's trust in their law enforcement agencies. Also, accredited agencies may receive priority status in the future when applying for grant opportunities from the Federal Government. Currently, five of our member counties have received either their law enforcement or corrections accreditation from WASPC and two other members are on track to become accredited in 2023.

An important step in the accreditation process is participating in WASPC's Loaned Executive Management Assistance Program (LEMAP), which is essentially a pre-assessment of your law enforcement or corrections operations. If your county is interested in seeking accreditation, we recommend that your county starts by applying for a WASPC grant to conduct a LEMAP. Member counties can submit any remaining LEMAP costs to the WCRP for potential reimbursement.

To learn more about the process, requirements, or criteria for WASPC [Accreditation](#) or the [LEMAP](#), please contact WASPC directly.

If you have general questions about the value of these resources or how the WCRP can support these efforts, please email risk-claims@wcrp.wa.gov.

MEMBER SERVICES NEWS

WCRP Member Programs Are In Full Swing!

Don't wait to take advantage of the Scholarship, Cyber Security Awareness, Risk Reduction, and Lexipol 80/80/80 programs!!

Since we are in a new fiscal year, members are once again eligible to take advantage of these programs, all designed to support membership-wide efforts to reduce and mitigate risks. Taking advantage of these programs will help educate your employees, encourage up to date law enforcement and corrections policies, fund risk reducing projects or purchases, and promote cyber security awareness training.

To learn more, please check out the [Member Programs](#) landing webpage for simple navigation between specific programs, which will help you learn more about each program, access request forms, and review the request processes for each. These webpages are all public and can be shared with various departments throughout your county. As outlined in the request process on every program page, all requests are to be submitted to the risk pool by the designated Risk Manager in your county.

Please let us know if you have questions about WCRP's Member Programs by emailing memberservices@wcrp.wa.gov.

WCRP Training Line-Up

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

[A Supervisor's Roadmap to Employment Law Essentials - 3-Part Series](#)

January 12, 19, 26 | 10:00am-12:15pm per day | Virtual

Audience: New or upcoming supervisors, and seasoned supervisors seeking a refresher.
Cap: 165 attendees

[Managing Challenging Conversations - 2-Day Workshop](#)

February 1 & 2 | 9:30am-12:30pm both days | Virtual

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

[The Art and Science of Feedback - 2-Day Workshop](#)

March 13 & 14 | 10:00am-12:30pm both days | Virtual

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

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

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

SAVE THE DATES!

WCRP Conferences & Board Meetings

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



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