



County Connection

News from the Washington Counties Risk Pool

May 2024

WHAT'S NEW AT THE POOL?

Thank You To Corrections Officers And Staff!

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued [Proclamation 5187](#), declaring the week beginning May 6, 1984, National Correctional Officers Week. The Washington Counties Risk Pool wishes to reflect the sentiments shared forty years ago, as we take the opportunity this week to recognize and express gratitude to the dedicated men and women working in jails nationwide. We invite you to take part in the celebration of National Correctional Officers and Employees Week by showing appreciation for their service and commitment to duty!

Board Members – Save The Dates!

With the blooming flowers and brighter sun, it's time to prepare ourselves for significant upcoming events! As the Summer Conference and Board of Directors' meeting approaches, the WCRP will be hosting a New Director Orientation for Directors and Alternates. This aims to equip new Directors and Alternates and refresh seasoned ones for success and effective contribution at the upcoming meeting.

Please mark your calendars and expect to see announcements later this month!

WCRP's New Director Orientation

Thursday, June 27, 2024 | 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Virtual via Zoom

WCRP's Summer Conference & Board of Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 – Friday, July 26, 2024
Little Creek Casino Resort | Shelton, WA | Mason County

In preparation for the upcoming Board meeting, we also urge all members to review WCRP appointments and designations within your county and assist in making updates if necessary. This is an important step in ensuring that all members are represented and that our discussions are as productive and focused as possible. Review the [WCRP Staff and County Contacts](#) list to verify current designations and appointments we have on file for your county.

Need to make an update? Email MemberServices@wcrp.wa.gov for further guidance.

Executive & Standing Committee Vacancies

As we say goodbye to some of our colleagues who leave counties through retirements and other career changes, we've seen an increase in the number of vacancies on our various Standing Committees and on our Executive Committee. Serving on one of the WCRP's Standing Committees (Finance; Personnel; Risk Management; Underwriting) is a great way to learn more about the WCRP's operations, not only assisting you with your position at your county, but also preparing you in your role as a member of the Board - and potentially the Executive Committee.

We need volunteers to serve on all four of our Standing Committees. If you have interest in this great opportunity to learn and contribute, please contact the WCRP Executive Director at derek@wcrp.wa.gov for additional information about each Committee and to express your interest.

RISK MANAGEMENT NEWS

Life Saving Technology For Inmates – Funding Approved!

At their meeting on March 29, the Washington Counties Risk Pool's Board of Directors approved reimbursement funding of up to \$25,000 per member county for the purchase of approved health monitoring devices for county inmates. While single-cell monitoring systems are an option, the most common device purchased are inmate-worn health monitoring bracelets that alert corrections deputies in case of any changes in the inmate's vitals, or in a life-threatening emergency. The Board is dedicated to making a positive impact by reducing exposure and liability, ultimately saving lives and reducing the significant cost related to jail deaths. The WCRP Risk team is currently assisting members in facilitating immediate purchases and reimbursements. For any inquiries, please feel free to contact our Risk team directly or email us at Risk-Claims@wcrp.wa.gov.

MEMBER SERVICES NEWS

Corrections Professional Development Resources

Corrections Professional Certifications

We're excited to promote the National Institute for Jail Operations (NIJO) and their Professional Certification Program. The Program was developed to provide a respected national certification for individuals looking to achieve professional certification in their respective field. NIJO Professional Certification is a professional designation – earned not issued – for jail and detention officers, supervisors, administrators, and sheriffs who have demonstrated to possess the requisite understanding, knowledge, skills, experience, and abilities to function to a specific level.

The Washington Counties Risk Pool is very pleased to support members achieving professional certification through NIJO by paying for their certification application!

To learn how the certifications are earned, please visit the [NIJO's Professional Certification webpage](#). Those ready to apply for their professional certification will complete an online application as instructed by NIJO, who will then bill the WCRP for the application cost. Learn more about each certification level and how to apply by clicking the corresponding links above or by contacting us at MemberServices@wcrp.wa.gov.

Corrections Training Reimbursements

NIJO has also developed the Detention & Corrections Online Training Academy (DACOTA) to provide detention and correctional administrators, supervisors and line level officers with easy access to interactive and engaging online jail training. DACOTA curriculum is based on applicable case law to ensure course content is defensible and current, and in line with what the courts will require of those who operate detention and correctional facilities.

The Washington Counties Risk Pool is committed to reimbursing member counties for their subscription costs once a specific number of their deputies complete a minimum of 40 hours of training! For more information on the support provided by WCRP, please visit our [website](#).

WCRP Training Line-Up

Washington Counties Risk Pool sponsored trainings are available to members at no charge! Please click the corresponding links below for specific details and to sign up.

Effective Performance Evaluations

May 21 | 10:00am-12:00pm | Spokane, WA

Audience: HR Representatives, Managers, and Supervisors

[Click here to learn more and to register!!](#)

Verbal S.W.A.T.: Strategies With Authority and Tact

May 23 | 8:30am-4:30pm | Olympia, WA

Audience: Staff in all work environments and at all levels

[Click here to learn more and to register!!](#)

Using Just Cause Principles to Strengthen Discipline

May 29 | 10:00am-12:00pm | Virtual

Audience: Supervisors, Managers, and HR Personnel

[Click here to learn more and to register!!](#)

Use of Force: Core Principles

May 30-31 | 8:00am-5:00pm | East Wenatchee, WA

Audience: Law Enforcement Officers

[Click here to learn more and to register!!](#)

Legal and Practical Issues Involving Recruitment and Hiring

June 13 | 10:00am-12:15pm | Virtual

Audience: HR professionals, department heads or managers, and anyone involved in the hiring process

[Click here to learn more and to register!!](#)

Use of Force: Core Principles

June 17-18 | 8:00am-5:00pm | Anacortes, WA

Audience: Law Enforcement Officers

[Click here to learn more and to register!!](#)

Sergeant's Investigation of Force

June 24-25 | 8:00am-5:00pm | Puyallup, WA

Audience: Law Enforcement and Corrections Supervisors

[Click here to learn more and to register!!](#)

A Supervisor's Guide to Effectively Resolving Conflicts Among Subordinates

June 26 | 10:00am-12:00pm | Virtual

Audience: Supervisors, Managers and HR Personnel

[Click here to learn more and to register!!](#)

HOW TO | Practical Guides for Supervisors

July 8 thru September 3 | Self-Paced via Canvas

Audience: New or upcoming supervisors, and seasoned supervisors seeking a refresher

[Click here to learn more and to register!!](#)

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

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

SAVE THE DATES!

WCRP Conferences & Board Meetings

Summer Conference & Board Meeting | July 24-26, 2024

Little Creek Casino Resort | Shelton, WA | Mason County

Fall Symposium | October 23-25, 2024

Skamania Lodge | Stevenson, WA | Skamania County

Spring Conference & Board Meeting | March 26-28, 2025

Campbell's Resort | Chelan, WA | Chelan County

WCRP Committee Meetings

Executive Committee Meeting

July 12, 2024 – 9:00am-2:00pm | Virtual



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