



County Connection

News from the Washington Counties Risk Pool

June 2023

WHAT'S NEW AT THE POOL?

WCRP's Summer Conference & Board Meeting

Time is flying and it's hard to believe the WCRP Summer Conference is already right around the corner! We look forward to seeing you at The Davenport Grand in Spokane, July 19-21. Registration closes in less than one week, so make sure to sign up and book your lodging if you haven't already.

Please visit the [WCRP Summer Conference & Board Meeting](#) page for more information and to register.

2021-22 Annual Report is here!



The WCRP's 2021-22 Annual Report has been published and we invite you to view the presentation of the report by [clicking here!](#) Our annual reports are posted online after the fiscal year concludes and the State Auditor completes their financial audit for the Risk Pool. Though we are already shifting gears to prepare for the fiscal year ahead, we encourage you to take a moment to reflect on last year's journey and the accomplishments made. If you would like to access a printable version of the report, please visit the [WCRP's Reports](#) page and click on 2022.

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

RISK MANAGEMENT NEWS

Wildfire Season – here early and here to stay!

While we've all welcomed and enjoyed this dry, sunny and beautiful May and June weather, it also has brought with it an earlier than usual wildfire risk. It's predicted that this warm and dry weather will continue on through the summer months, likely reaching high and dangerous temperatures. Wildfires not only threaten county property, but can bring with it other exposures, including liability risks, health risks to citizens and employees, power and internet outages, and mudslides and flooding when the rainy season returns.

[This Washington Post article](#) is just one of many touching on this subject and specifically identifying the Pacific Northwest as being at risk. There's little time to plan when a fire starts, so please start preparing now for wildfire season and planning for your response when that call comes in.

Don't hesitate to reach out to our Risk Management Team at risk-claims@wcrp.wa.gov with questions or to discuss steps you can take to prepare, and to protect people and property.

MEMBER SERVICES NEWS

Don't Miss Out on WCRP Member Programs!

We are just over halfway through the current fiscal year, and it's not too late for members to take advantage of the reimbursements available to them!! These reimbursement programs are designed to support membership-wide efforts to reduce and mitigate risks and taking advantage of these programs will help to encourage up to date law enforcement and corrections policies, fund risk reducing projects or purchases, and promote cyber security awareness training. Check out the [Member Programs](#) landing webpage for easy navigation between specific programs, which will help you learn more about each program, access request forms, and review the request processes for each.

The Member Services team will be sending out individual Member Snapshot Reports to Risk Managers so they can review current usage and send in submissions for programs still available to them. Stay tuned for more in the coming weeks!!

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

WCRP Contract Workshop Coming Soon!!

We all know the best risk is transferred risk, but the indemnification, hold harmless, special provisions and insurance requirements in a contract can be confusing and it's difficult to know what language and coverages to require and when to require them. The WCRP reviews contracts throughout the year for member counties, but is also available to train you and your teams on what to look for when reviewing both the indemnification language, special provisions, and the insurance requirements in contracts.

The WCRP's Contract Workshop is a two-hour in-person training covering specific terms and provisions and examining a number of sample contracts. The Workshop will be available upon request beginning in July and requests will need to be submitted by the county Risk Manager. If you are interested in scheduling this workshop for a large or small group in your county, please contact your Risk Manager this Summer.

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.

[Surviving the Active Lethal Threat Event - 2-Day Training](#)

August 2 & 3 | 10:00am-12:00pm both days | Virtual

Audience: Staff in all work environments and at all levels.

Cap: 200 attendees

[Use of Force: Core Principals - 2-Day Training](#)

August 8 & 9 | 8:00am-5:00pm both days | Stevenson, WA

Audience: Law enforcement officers

Cap: 25 attendees

This is a partnered training with space limited to 13 WCRP seats and 12 WCIA seats.

[Developing Emotional Intelligence - Supervisor Session](#)

August 9 | 9:30am-12:30pm | Virtual

Audience: This date is open to supervisors and managers only.

Cap: 30 attendees

[Occupational Burnout: The Science Behind Stress in the Workplace](#)

August 10 | 9:30am-12:30pm | Virtual

Audience: Leads, supervisors, and managers.
Cap: 30 attendees

Ethical Decision-Making

August 30 | 9:30am-12:00pm | Virtual

Audience: Staff in all work environments and at all levels.
Cap: 100 attendees

Leading a Workplace Free of Harassment and Discrimination

September 11 | 9:30am-12:30pm | Virtual

Audience: Leads, supervisors, managers, and organizational leaders.
Cap: 30 attendees

Developing Emotional Intelligence – Staff Session

September 12 | 9:30am-12:30pm | Virtual

Audience: This date is only open to staff who do not supervise employees.
Cap: 30 attendees

Verbal S.W.A.T.

September 13 | 8:30am-4:30pm | Ellensburg, WA

Audience: Staff in all work environments and at all levels.
Cap: 50 attendees

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 programs by emailing memberservices@wcrp.wa.gov.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Lewis County's Remodeled Juvenile Detention Facility

On April 5, 2023, our Risk Team was invited to tour the newly remodeled Juvenile Detention center in Lewis County, which had undergone extensive upgrades. The focus was on security improvements to include camera systems, entry security screening, and secure parking for staff and judges. They also significantly improved the kitchen, break area, and office spaces for staff wellness. We love to see members complete projects like this, that truly make a difference!

Congratulations on a job well done to all the staff at Lewis County.



SAVE THE DATES!

WCRP Conferences & Board Meetings

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

Fall Symposium | October 18-20, 2023

Swinomish Casino & Lodge | Anacortes, WA | Skagit County

Spring Conference & Board Meeting | March 27-29, 2024

Holiday Inn Richland on the River | Richland, WA | Benton County

WCRP Committee Meetings

Risk Management Committee

June 22, 2023 – 1:00pm-2:30pm | Virtual

Executive Committee

July 7, 2023 – 9:00am-2:00pm | Virtual

Investment Committee

July 19, 2023 – 4:00pm-5:00pm | Spokane, WA



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