

## MINUTES OF THE POLICE RISK MANGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 23, 2012

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chief John Ruffcorn, City of Auburn Sgt. Michael Garlock, City of Auburn Capt. Tony Welch, City of Dixon Sgt. Ronald Willingmyre, City of Dixon Sgt. Chris Emery, City of Folsom Chief Bill Bowen, City of Galt Asst. Chief Dean Price, City of Gridley Chief Paul Nanfito, City of Red Bluff Lt. Kyle Sanders, City of Red Bluff Chief Ron Lawrence, City of Rocklin Chief Rob Landon, City of Yuba City Chief Gabriela Tazzari-Dineen, Town of Paradise Sgt. Steve Rowe, Town of Paradise, Lt. Al Billington, Town of Paradise

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

City of Anderson City of Colusa City of Corning City of Ione City of Jackson City of Lincoln City of Nevada City City of Oroville City of Placerville City of Rio Vista City of Willows

#### **GUESTS & CONSULTANTS**

Paula Islas, City of Galt Matt Michaelis, City of Marysville Russell Hildebrand, City of Rocklin Susan Adams, Alliant Insurance Services Johnny Yang, Alliant Insurance Services Tom Kline, Bickmore Risk Services Northern California Cities Self Insurance Fund A Joint Power Authority

# A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

## **B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments made.

## C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED

A motion was made to approve the Agenda as posted.

MOTION: Rob Landon SECOND: Ron Lawrence MOTION CARRIED

#### **D. BUSINESS**

## D1. Appointment of NCCSIF PRMC Chair and Vice-Chair

Ms. Susan Adams asked that the Committee appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair to run the Police Risk Management Committee meetings and attend the Risk Management Committee meetings reporting on matters pertaining to the Police Risk Management Committee.

Mr. John Ruffcorn, City of Auburn volunteered for the Chair position and Mr. Paul Nanfito, City of Red Bluff, volunteered for the Vice-Chair position.

## E. RISK MANAGEMENT

#### E1. Police Liability and Workers' Compensation Claims Analysis

Mr. Tom Kline presented to the Committee the Police Liability and Workers' Compensation Claims Analysis. With respects to Liability the three most frequent Causes of Loss were Auto Liability, Civil Rights and Third Party Property Damage claims. The three most severe Causes of Loss were Auto Liability, Excessive Force and False Arrest.

With respects to Workers' Compensation the five most frequent Causes of Loss were Contagious Disease Exposure, Repetitive Motion, Slip & Fall, Strain and Struck by or Against. The most sever Causes of Loss were Miscellaneous, Repetitive Motion, Slip and Fall, Strain and Struck by or Against. Staff was asked to provide more detail on the Miscellaneous Category and show losses related to Taser Usage in future meetings.

Ms. Adams advised that claims are available through the York website via Claims Connect provided by York and if any member desires access to put in a request with the Program Administration staff.

# F. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Upon reviewing the Claims Analysis Mr. Kline proceeded to ask the Committee to provide any exposures that may be important to consider. The exposures discussed consisted of the following: New vehicles; Tasers; Vehicle Inspection; Technology Advances; Driver Distractions; Fleet Safety.

With respects to Workers' Compensation the Committee discussed the following exposures: Weight Training; Fitness Funding; AB2451 Pension Reform; Defensive Tactics; Equipment Weight; Taser Usage; Contagious Diseases and Aerosol Transmissible Diseases.

Mr. Kline also advised the Board of possible Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Workshops which are available for the Committee.

# G. POLICE TRAINING SESSION (ASSESSING POLICE PERFORMANCE)

Mr. Mark. J. Wittenberg, a veteran police manager, hosted an intermediate to advanced level police training session. This session provided the Committee with assessment principles used to reduce police department exposure to costly litigation. Topics included:

- The five red flags of poor police performance
- The four elements of police culture that drive outcomes

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- The three things you can do now to improve morale, protect jobs, and build trust with the community
- How to decide if an assessment is needed

## H. INFORMATION ITEMS

## H1. NCCSIF Meeting Calendar 2012

# H2. NCCSIF Resource Contact Guide

These items were provided as information only.

## I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.