
Implementing a County Fleet Safety Program

Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of work-related injuries. Nationwide fatalities rose 6 percent in 2016, reaching an estimated 40,200 deaths compared to 37,757 deaths the previous year, according to the National Safety Council. This means that a vehicle crash fatality occurs every 12 minutes.

Impact on CAPP

From 2012 to 2016, motor vehicle related claims were 50% of the Casualty and Property Pool (CAPP) frequency and 26% of CAPP severity. County vehicle crashes also impact the County Workers Compensation Pool (CWCP) where motor vehicle related incidents created 13% or \$4.4 million of the pool's severity from over the last five years.

Limiting the Impact

CTSI recommends that in 2018 all counties implement a comprehensive fleet management safety program (or review your current policy). These programs offer numerous benefits:

- Save lives and reduce the risk of life-altering injuries within the county workforce
- Protect human and financial resources
- Guard against potential county and personal liabilities associated with crashes involving employees driving county owned or personal vehicles while on county business

Creating a Fleet Management Program

A comprehensive fleet management program provides guidelines for what your county can do to improve traffic safety performance and minimize the risk of motor vehicle crashes. Following the guidelines set out in such a program helps ensure that your county hires capable drivers, only allows eligible drivers to

drive on county business, trains and supervise drivers, and maintains county vehicles properly. Adhering to fleet safety program guidelines can help keep county motor vehicle insurance costs as low as possible.

The key to controlling fleet safety costs is to adopt a well-written, comprehensive fleet safety policy. CTSI Loss Prevention offers a sample policy that can be accessed online at www.ctsi.org or by contacting Loss Prevention.

An effective fleet safety policy must address all of the following:

1. Driver selection
2. Driver Training
3. Vehicle inspection
4. Vehicle maintenance
5. Vehicle usage rules
6. Driver discipline
7. Recordkeeping

What This Means for Counties

CTSI recommends beginning or updating your county's fleet management program in 2018. CTSI is here to help with this process by offering safety expertise, sample programs, and training classes. We provide 5 types of defensive driving classes depending on the vehicle type driven. The car/pickup driving class can even qualify county employees for credits towards their personal vehicle insurance. For more information, contact your CTSI loss prevention representative at 303 861 0507. 