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ONLINE DEFENSIVE DRIVER TRAINING

Liability claims associated with vehicle accidents continue to be an issue for the County of Los Angeles (County). Over the past three years, the County experienced an average cost of \$19,251,832 per year associated with vehicle accidents. Over the same period, an average of 990 claims were filed per year.

Given the risk associated with vehicles, it is imperative that Departments emphasize vehicle safety best practices, including requiring the completion of driver safety training courses on a periodic basis. Educating employees on defensive driving is the first step towards reducing vehicle liability risks and lowering the County's overall vehicle liability costs.

To assist Departments, the Chief Executive Office (CEO) Risk Management Branch recommends Departments review the online training available on the Learning Link and use it to supplement existing programs. The course available is the Defensive Driver Training (2.5 hours) in a captioned version. This course provides a comprehensive understanding of the expectations and tools for defensive driving. The course provides critical skills/information by focusing on sound judgment; common sense; and courtesy while emphasizing and highlighting the priority of proactive incident avoidance. The training can be accessed through the following:

- Defensive Driver Training (Captioned) – click [here](#) to access course

The CEO Risk Management Branch have guides posted on the Risk Management website to complement training. These resources can be accessed through the following:

- Vehicle Safety Best Practices – click [here](#) to access
- Defensive Driving Tips and Techniques – click [here](#) to access
- Preventing Rear End Collisions – click [here](#) to access

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The CEO Risk Management Branch remains committed to assisting Departments lower their overall cost of risk.

If your staff have any questions or need assistance and additional information regarding this training or any of our programs, please have them contact Roberto Chavez, Chief of Loss Control and Prevention, at (213) 351-6433 or RChavez@ceo.lacounty.gov.

If you have any questions, please call me at (213) 351-5346.

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