



TOIRMA Update

The main number for TOIRMA's new Springfield office is 217-744-8010; fax 744-8011. The toll-free number remains the same, 888-562-7861.

THE ISSUE OF WHETHER OR NOT a driver's license is required continues to be a frequently asked question at TOIRMA. I will try to address the issue to clarify what is required.

If an employee of the township, whether it is the Highway Commissioner or one of his employees, operates a truck with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVRW) of over 26,001 pounds, the operator must have a Commercial Drivers License (CDL).

If a CDL is required by law, that operator must also be enrolled in a drug testing program such as the one offered through Township Officials of Illinois in conjunction with the Mid-West Truckers Association. The contact person at TOI is Pam Butler at 866-897-4688 if you need additional information.

Off road motorized construction equipment does not require a CDL. Some examples of this equipment are: motor scrapers, backhoes, motor graders, compactors, tractors, trenchers and bulldozers. It remains the recommendation from TOIRMA that if the township has an individual operating equipment on a public roadway, that the individual should possess a valid driver's license whether or not a CDL is necessary for the application of circumstances. The opportunity for an unlicensed or incorrectly licensed operator is reduced if everyone is correctly licensed. In many townships, employees operate most, if not all, of the

equipment. The possibility of an unlicensed or incorrectly licensed operator does present liability problems for both TOIRMA and the township. The old saying "An ounce of protection is worth a pound of cure" could certainly be applied here.

TOIRMA has had two claims recently where a road district employee has been involved in an accident and has not possessed a valid driver's license. Fortunately neither has involved a personal injury which might rapidly complicate the issue for everyone involved.

The safety of township employees as well as the rest of the motoring public remains a priority. It is the employer's responsibility to make sure all operators are adequately trained and have proper licenses to operate as required. Your cooperation with this issue will help protect all involved.

In this issue of the *Perspective*, there is a list of regional educational meeting opportunities occurring in the next few months. TOIRMA will be participating in each of these meetings and I hope to meet many of you there. Please take advantage of the opportunity to attend and bring someone else from your township to the meeting. I am sure the program will provide everyone with some valuable information. That information will assist in the operation of the township you represent.

Please call if I can be of assistance.

— Rod

Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association

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The Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association (TOIRMA) is a self-funded pool that was developed through extensive research by insurance professionals and the direction of township officials. The intent of the program is the same as it was when TOIRMA was established in 1986 – to provide members with the most complete coverage available to Illinois townships at an affordable cost.

Our Mission

Through innovative management, leadership, and financial administration, TOIRMA will provide the necessary coverage to help townships solve problems and operate in the most fiscally efficient way.

Current News

June 1, 2008 Renewal
June 1, 2008 renewal billings were mailed April 18, 2008. They are due June 1, 2008. If you have not paid your June 1 renewal, please call or e-mail the Danville office at 1-800-252-5059, Angel at ext. 1204 or Beth at ext. 1139.

TOIRMA Summer Newsletter
The TOIRMA Summer Newsletter should be arriving soon if you have not already received it. It is full of information such as: Hidden Exposure – Waiver of Subrogation, First Aid for Heat Related Conditions, TOIRMA FAQ's, TOIRMA Staff, and OSHA Facts. Each issue of the TOIRMA newsletter will also be posted on this website.

Payroll Audits will be mailed June 6, 2008
Payroll Audits will be mailed June 6, 2008 and are due back July 3, 2008. The Payroll Audit is used to report the ACTUAL payroll for the past year – June 1, 2007 – May 31, 2008. If you have any questions regarding the Payroll Audit, please call or e-mail the Danville office at 1-800-252-5059, Angel at ext. 1204 or Beth at ext. 1139.

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