

South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust and South Carolina Municipal Insurance and Risk Financing Fund

Joint Summer Training Session Defensive Driving Training

July 11, 2019 | City of West Columbia

Meeting information

Learn about defensive driving principles and techniques on how to avoid collisions. Gather practical strategies for safe driving along with how to eliminate key risk factors, such as the danger of cell phones.

Department heads, risk managers, safety committee members and others who serve in a risk management role are encouraged to attend. Attendance at this session counts toward risk self-assessment compliance and as a core course for participants in the Risk Management Institute.

Agenda

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| 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 9:00 – 9:05 a.m. | Welcome and Introductions |
| 9:05 – 10:00 a.m. | Session 1 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course introduction • What’s in our control • What can happen • Defensive driving and collision prevention • Occupant safety and vehicle safety mechanisms |
| 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. | Session 2 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing the road • Hazard recognition and the “what if?” strategy • Deadly choice: speeding • Aggressive driving and road rage • Deadly choice: following too closely |
| 11:00 a.m. – noon | Session 3 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadly choice: distracted driving • Deadly choice: vehicle and lane management • Substance impairment |
| Noon – 12:30 p.m. | Lunch |
| 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. | Session 4 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drowsy driving • Recognized the hazard and make the right choice • My driving habits and alternative choices • My plan • Final test |
| 1:30 p.m. | Adjourn |

Speaker

Melissa Reck, Training and Development Coordinator, South Carolina National Safety Council

Melissa Reck is a seasoned training and development professional with a background in law enforcement. She holds a Criminal Justice degree from Waukesha County Technical College in Wisconsin. Her career as a patrol officer began at the Muskego Police Department, where she served two years of active duty before moving to South Carolina to work for the City of Columbia Police Department.

During her five years of service with the City of Columbia, Reck served multiple departments including patrol in its North Region, work as a school resource officer and on the Drug Suppression Team, and work in proactive community enforcement. She received the National Street Level Narcotics Team of the Year Award in 2011. While serving the community, Reck discovered a passion for educating citizens to lead safer lives and prevent incidents, injuries and deaths.

Since 2013, Reck has served as the training and development coordinator for the Southeastern Chapter of the National Safety Council Defensive Driving Department. Her responsibilities include oversight of the Alive at 25 Teen Defensive Driving program, Alive at 25 instructor training and certification, oversight of the SCDMV Certified Driving Academy, as well as coordination of the National Safety Council Defensive Driving Department's four- and eight-hour courses offered in technical colleges across the state. Reck was recognized as the National Safety Council Instructor of the Year in 2016 — the highest honor for all defensive driving instructors across the country. She continues to exhibit a passion for education and saving lives.

Registration information

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Register online by July 5 at www.masc.sc. For assistance using the online registration system, contact the Association's help desk at 803.933.1297.

The session room may be cool, so attendees may want to bring a sweater or jacket.

For special needs requests, contact Amy Gillian at 803.354.4774 or agillian@masc.sc by July 5, and we will accommodate if possible.

Meeting Location

City of West Columbia
200 N. 12th St.
West Columbia, SC 29169

General information

The South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust and the South Carolina Municipal Insurance and Risk Financing Fund offer training sessions on a variety of risk management and safety and health topics. The programs also provide members a forum for sharing ideas and keeping current on state and federal laws.

Upcoming meetings

Employment Liability

September 24, 25 and 26 (multiple locations)

RMS Annual Members Meeting

November 12

Public Works Risk Management

December 4

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