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Auto Loss Prevention Training

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

Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Municipal Association of SC
1411 Gervais St.,
Columbia, SC 29201

Meeting Information

This meeting will feature a panel of SC Municipal Insurance and Risk Financing Fund members discussing techniques their municipalities have used to reduce auto losses over the past few years. There will be presentations on current auto loss data, reducing employee auto accident injuries and post-incident coaching. Samsara, a telematics vendor, will also present on coaching driving behaviors before an accident.

Presenters will include current SCMIRF members, loss control staff and Samsara representatives.

The SC Municipal Insurance Trust and SC Municipal Insurance and Risk Financing Fund strongly encourage risk managers, safety committee members, training staff and other municipal staff to attend. Attendance at this session counts toward risk self-assessment compliance and as an elective course for participants in the Risk Management Institute.



Agenda

Tuesday, February 24

9:00 – 9:55 a.m.	Registration
9:55 – 10:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Review Auto Loss Data
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.	Auto Loss Improvement Panel Discussion
11:30 a.m. – noon	Reducing Employee Auto Accident Injuries
Noon – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 – 1:00 p.m.	Introduction of Samsara
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Samsara Coaching Driving Behaviors
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15 – 2:45 p.m.	Post-incident Coaching
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Questions/Adjourn

Speakers

Bethany Pendley, Loss Control Manager, Municipal Association of SC

Bethany Pendley joined the Association in May 2020 as the loss control manager. Prior to coming to the Association, she worked for MetLife for 22 years in a variety of roles including senior claims adjuster, senior claims supervisor, claims manager and most recently senior business instructor and learning partner. Pendley has a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina, is a licensed property and casualty adjuster, and holds numerous certifications and designations including an Associate in Insurance Services and Associate in Claims from the Insurance Institute of America.

Kenneth Davis, Loss Control Consultant, Municipal Association of SC

Ken Davis joined the Association in 2025 as a loss control consultant. He has extensive experience in public safety, emergency management and municipal leadership. Prior to joining the Association, Davis served as the chief of police for the Surfside Beach Police Department. Previously, he served as the deputy chief for operations with the Horry County Police Department. He has a Bachelor of Science from The Citadel, a Master of Science in criminal justice from the University of South Carolina and a doctorate in public safety from Capella University.

Rebecca Mejia-Ward, Loss Control Consultant, Municipal Association of SC

Rebecca Mejia-Ward joined the Association in 2025 as a loss control consultant. She has more than 15 years of experience in employee relations, human resources, risk management and leadership development and training. Prior to joining the Association, Mejia-Ward served as the human resources director for the City of Fountain Inn and previously held the same role with the City of Hartsville. She served on the SC Municipal Human Resources Association board as chair for two consecutive terms.

Nick Wiedemann, Account Executive, Samsara

Nick Wiedemann is an Account Executive at Samsara, where he has spent the last two years partnering with organizations to enhance fleet safety and operational efficiency. Based in Charleston, he works directly with clients across the southeast, helping risk managers leverage AI-powered dash cams and advanced telematics to reduce accidents and improve driver safety. Wiedemann is passionate about partnering with local governments to harness actionable data to create safer fleets and stronger communities throughout the region.



Registration Information

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. **This session is limited to 50 attendees.**

Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration may be limited to one person per member. Register online by February 17 at www.masc.sc.

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

For special-needs requests, contact Amy Gillian at 803.354.4774 or losscontrol@masc.sc by February 17, and staff will accommodate if possible.

General Information

The SC Municipal Insurance Trust and the SC 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 staying current on state and federal laws.

Upcoming Meetings

- Defensive Driving Training – March 24, 2026
- Public Safety Training – May 12, 2026
- Defensive Driving Training – June 16, 2026
- Defensive Driving Training – September 29, 2026
- Risk Management Services Conference/Annual Members Meeting – November 4 – 6, 2026

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