

Alabama League of Municipalities



ALM Services

Perry Roquemore, Executive
Director

Individual
Services
to
Member
Municipalities

- Research to help local officials in duties
- Legal opinions from the League's four attorneys
- Publication of the Monthly Magazine
- Weekly legislative bulletins when legislature is in session
- Large Web page
www.alalm.org

More Services ...

The Legislative Function

- In every session since 1934 the ALM has served as guardian and voice of municipal interests
- Continually monitor and report on legislation that may affect cities and towns.

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- The Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation has been a service of the ALM since 1989
- The Municipal Workers Compensation Fund has been a service of the ALM since 1976

Municipal Worker's Compensation Fund

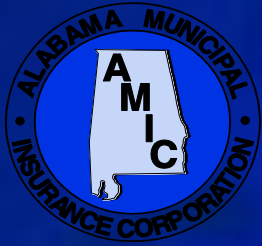


- Over 600 members
- Annual Contributions of \$23 million
- Provides on site loss control services
- Skidcar Defensive Driving
- F.A.T.S. (fire-arms training)
- Establishes safety programs
- Steve Martin, Operations Manager

Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation



- Member owned Mutual Insurance Company
- Over 500 members
- \$30 million+ in annual premiums
- Provides on site Loss Control services
- Skidcar Defensive Driving
- F.A.T.S. (fire-arms training)
- Steve Wells, President

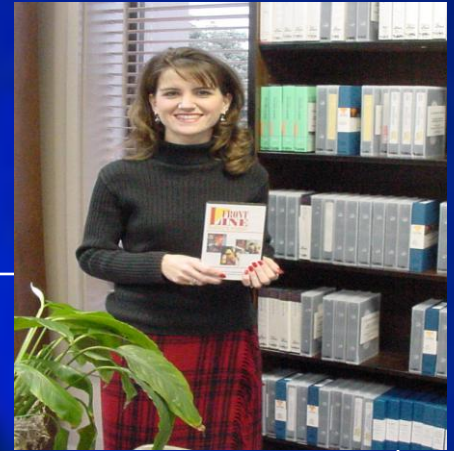


Loss Control Services



- ***On-site Consultations with Follow-up Written Reports and Recommendations***
- ***Specialized Law Enforcement Risk Control***
- ***Loss Analysis and Trending***
- ***Seminars, Newsletters, & Technical Resources on website..amicentral.org***
- ***Employment Practices Hotline***
- ***Video Library***
- ***Skidcar Training***
- ***F.A.T.S. (Fire Arms Training System)***

Video Library



- ***Loss Control Video Librarian, Rachel Wagner***
- ***Videos cover wide variety of safety issues ranging in content from hazardous gas issues to public playground equipment***
- ***Members may now choose from over 9000 Safety Videos***
- ***“In-house” Video Library and also usage of the National Resource Safety Center’s video library***
- ***Call Rachael Wagner at ALM: (334)262-2566***

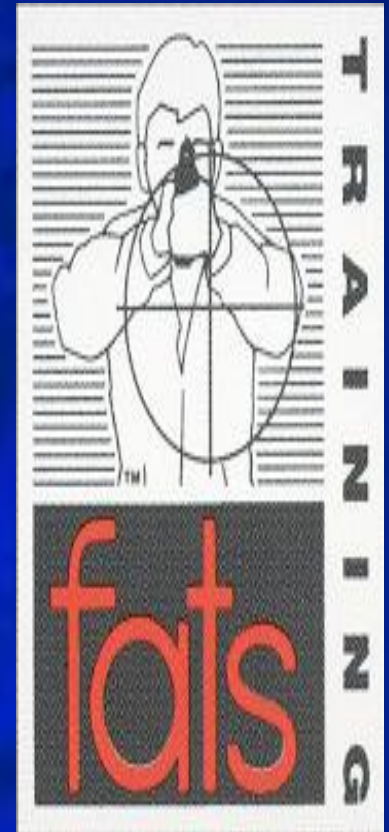
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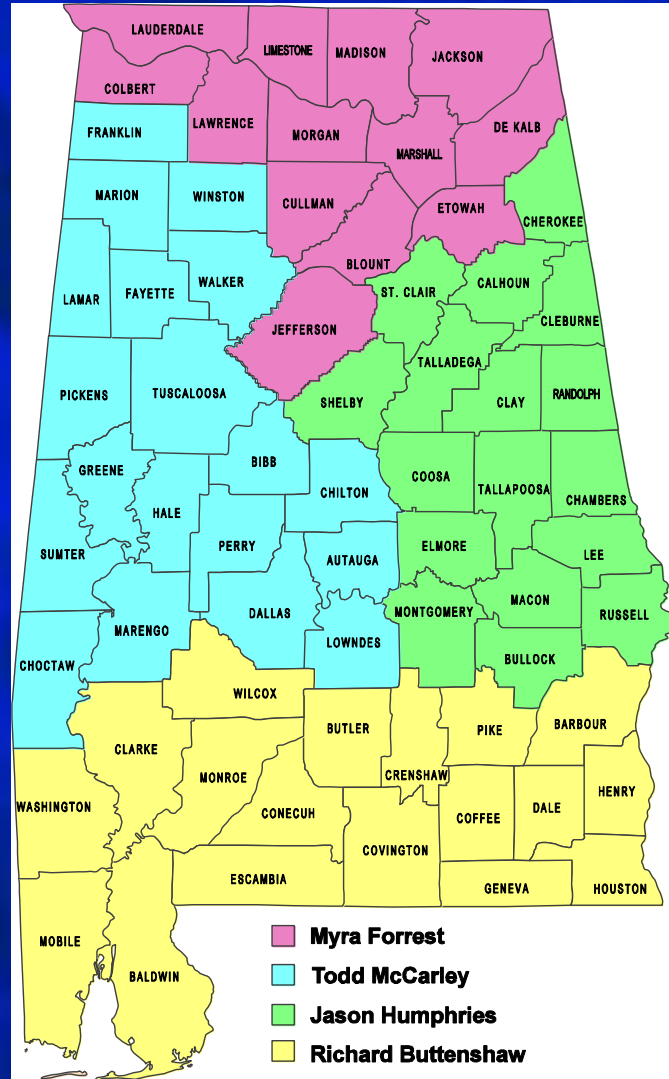
- ***Our pro-active defensive driving program is headed up by Stanley Fant retired State Trooper***
- ***State of the art technology***
- ***Simulation of adverse driving conditions at high rates of speed yet performed safely at relatively low speeds***
- ***Prepares the student to drive equipping him/her to recognize and correct for an imminent skid or slide while maneuvering during emergency operations***

F.A.T.S.

- **Firearms Training System (F.A.T.S.) for law enforcement officials**
- **The FATS system travels the state abroad**
- **Provides digitally simulated interactive fire arms training**
- **Certified Fire Arms Instructors Only**



Loss Control Territories



Loss Control Skidcar & Police Safety

Territory Covers Entire State of Alabama



***Stan Fant,
Skidcar Coordinator***



***Roger Owens,
Police Safety Consultant***

Questions?



Legal Liabilities of Water and Waste Water Systems

PRESENTED BY: Myra
Forrest



Liability Loss Exposure

- A public utility has a liability loss exposure whenever there is a possibility that some other entity will bring it to court for an **alleged** wrong doing, thus requiring the public utility being sued to at least defend itself in court, regardless of whether the suit has merit.

Risk Management

- The protection of people and property in order to reduce the probability of accidents.
- Providing adequate resources to reduce risks and prevent losses.
- Recognize and anticipate the degree of legal risk inherent in all functions, programs, procedures or actions.

EXPOSURES to Liability

- Failure to implement safety procedures
- Failure to maintain and inspect lines
- Sewer backup
- Lack of documentation or incomplete records.

Failure to Implement Safety Procedures

- Employee, facility and public safety
- Secure treatment facility and access to chemicals
- Worker safety – confined space, biological hazards, chemical hazards
- Emergency plans

Failure to Maintain & Inspect

- Deferred maintenance
- Pipeline inspections
- Recurrent problems
- Routine cleaning of sewer lines
- Pump and lift stations

Sewer Back-ups

- Leading cause of General Liability claims
- Routine maintenance program
- Visual monitoring of lines
- Document reported incidents
- Monitoring and gauging rainfall
- Grease traps
- Piping
- Trained employees

Lack of Documentation

- Inspections, maintenance and repairs
- Complaints
- Recurrences of incidents or complaints
- Incident reports
- Details of extent of damage
- Maps

Other System Liabilities

- Alteration of existing system causing damage to property
- Improperly undertaken or implemented decision to regulate drainage
- Zoning or subdivision approvals resulting in damages to other property owners
- Improperly built system

More System Liabilities

- Utility Construction Activities
- Use of Contracted Operations
- Traffic Controls during Construction/Maintenance Operations
- Attractive Nuisance
- Unsecured openings - manhole covers and grates
- Explosion and Fire Hazards

Alabama Court



- Damages caused by negligence in operation and maintenance
- Duty to keep in good condition and repairs
- Negligence in construction, maintenance or operation of sewer system

Communication

- Non-adversarial
- Service Oriented Employees
Vs Complaint Handlers
- Admission of Liability
- Claims Handling
- Public Awareness and Education

