

## City Receives Risk Management Award



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### **CITY RECEIVES 2013 BOB WORTHINGTON RISK MANAGEMENT AWARD**

**GREAT FALLS, Montana** – The Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA) has awarded the 2013 Bob Worthington Risk Management Achievement Award to the City of Great Falls. MMIA specifically recognized Angela Swingley, Risk Manager, and Mark Willmarth, Training and Development Coordinator, for their dedication to addressing both workers' compensation and liability issues for the City of Great Falls. This award recognizes members of the MMIA that demonstrate exceptional efforts to manage municipal risks.

MMIA partners with member cities and towns to provide both live and web based education sessions, training and training resources. Thanks to the combined initiative and work of Angela and Mark over the past year, they have made the City a better and safer workplace.

Angela and Mark spearheaded efforts to encourage web-based safety training for City employees. In April 2013 approximately 60 supervisors attended a supervisor training conducted by MMIA, which was almost 100% of mid-level managers at the City. A portion of the training emphasized workers' compensation and liability issues.

Angela is also responsible for the workers' compensation process from beginning to end, which also includes following up with an employee's appointments and medical status forms. She has also been instrumental in ensuring that the City implements and utilizes its Early Return to Work Program. Research indicates that when an employee returns to work after an injury, it can speed their recovery time and can reduce the financial impact of a

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workers' compensation claim on the worker, the employer, and the workers' compensation system.

According to City Manager Greg Doyon, "I'm very proud of what Angela and Mark have accomplished this year. Because of their commitment and hard work many of our supervisors now have a better understanding of the liability and risk issues that may affect their departments and employees. They have also helped establish a stronger Early Return to Work Program. I commend them on a job well done."

The MMIA is a risk-retention pool that provides liability, workers' compensation, property and employee health coverage programs to its members. The pool is self-funded and owned by the participating 122 cities and towns. MMIA is run by a Board of Directors that is made up of 15 locally elected officials or employees from member municipalities across the state. The MMIA office is located in Helena, Montana. For more information about the Bob Worthington Risk Management Achievement Award contact the City Manager's Office at 455-8450 or MMIA at 406-443-0907.

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