

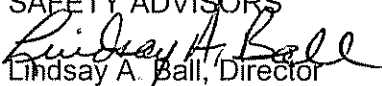


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TO: AGENCY HEADS
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FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Annual Vehicle Incident Report - FY 05

Attached is the latest Vehicle Incident Report. It reports vehicle crashes, collisions and claim costs for FY 04-05. The news this year is very positive. All numbers are going in the right direction.

Report Highlights:

- Incident rate per 12K miles is down by 16.5%.
- Collision cost per 12K miles is down by 61%.
- The number of miles driven in state vehicles is up by 12%.
- Citizen complaints are down by 13%.
- Police citations are down by 2%.

A full year of data shows a notable drop in the collision cost per 12K miles. Collision cost includes dollars paid for property, liability and workers' compensation losses. A comparison of this year's figures to an average of the last two fiscal years shows auto property and workers' compensation costs both decreased by 64% and auto liability down by 29%. For auto property, this report may reflect changes in claim valuation under the revised Property Self-Insurance Policy. In April 2004, "new-for-old" coverage ended for passenger vehicles. Many agencies may see reduced auto risk charges in the next biennium.

While the news is certainly positive this is not the time for state agencies to relax. Making driving safety a priority is not only the right thing to do, it sends a strong message. Leadership takes this responsibility seriously and we can do better. A closer look at the numbers suggests part of the reason for the improved percentages could be attributed to an increase in state miles driven. Without it the incident rate would be down only 6%. The jump in miles is primarily because of increased use of DAS fleet vehicles and administrative restrictions.

Driving is still a significant risk for state employees. Your Risk Coordinator and Safety Advisor can look at liability, property and workers' compensation data for your agency. Both can advise you on individual incidents and your agency's mitigation efforts for driving activities. See the Vehicle Incident Prevention Toolkit to check out resources to help at <http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/SSD/Risk/VehicleSafety.shtml>. It is essential that agencies continue to manage driving risks and reduce incident frequency.

If you have questions about this report or need help with vehicle incidents, call us at (503) 373-RISK.

Attachments