

CIRMA honors the Middletown Public Schools with its Excellence in Risk Management Award, including a \$2,500 Excellence in Risk Management Grant, for 2019.

New Haven, CT. January 25, 2019. On January 25th, Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) presented the Middletown Public Schools with its 2019 Excellence in Risk Management Award, including a \$2,500 Excellence in Risk Management Grant, in the category of ***Establishing Risk Management as an Organizational Priority***. The Middletown Public Schools updated and automated their school security Emergency Management Plan which improved the safety and well-being of students and staff, and resulted in a 33% reduction in liability losses.

The Middletown Public Schools took great strides to address school security by establishing the safety and well-being of their students and staff as an organizational priority. While evaluating potential areas of improvement, district leaders identified a need to update its Emergency Response Plan to include current and emerging threats and communicate their plan efficiently during crisis situations where timing is critical. With the help of key personnel, district leaders updated the plan, transferring extensive documentation to an online platform, making it easier for staff to monitor critical infrastructure and access emergency management policies on their mobile devices during time sensitive situations. In addition, the school district integrated Certified Analysts to create behavioral management plans for each facility.

As a result of these collective efforts, Middletown Public Schools has improved the overall safety, security and climate at all schools and provided staff more time to react to an incident, thus reducing exposures during an emergency.

David Demchak, President and CEO of CIRMA, said, "CIRMA's Excellence in Risk Management Awards program honors those members who achieve true excellence in their risk management programs each year. The Middletown Public Schools' efforts meet and exceed the Award Program's goals. They have created long-term organizational changes to protect students and staff and manage losses."

About CIRMA: CIRMA is Connecticut's market leader for municipal insurance and risk management services. CIRMA operates two risk pools, the Workers' Compensation and the Liability-Auto-Property pool, and provides third-party claims administration and risk management services to self-insured municipalities. CIRMA's membership includes over 85% of the state's municipalities, and has over \$98 Million in Written Premiums and over \$383 Million Assets under Management.

CIRMA's Excellence in Risk Management Award program honors the achievements of those CIRMA members who have demonstrated outstanding risk management leadership and generated significant impact through reduced costs, increased safety, and improved services to their communities. Their innovative problem solving, excellence in management, and success in creating organizational change deserve the highest recognition.

For more information about CIRMA's Excellence in Risk Management Award Program, please contact Joey Barbera, CIRMA Risk Management Services Manager, at jbarbera@ccm-ct.org or visit our website at www.CIRMA.org.

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