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Subject: RE: Dive/Rescue Squads in Shelby County

Linda,

Thanks for the response. I want to add some notes based on your response to see if it changes the answer as to whether or not the WC coverage would be applicable to the D/R teams.

1. The team members are NOT employees of the county.
2. The team members are NOT employees of other D/R companies that are specific to what they do. Their full time jobs are outside the scope of D/R.
3. When they respond to a scene they are not "helping out Shelby County". They are not operating under the direction of the Sherriff. When they respond to a scene they take over and it is their operation at that point. The Sherriff Dept may make the call to D/R that an incident has occurred and they need to go but D/R may receive calls from other entities or even the general public as well. D/R operate independently.

Sonny and Cody - if I have misspoke or you have comments to add given your work on this subject matter, please jump in and add those comments.

Thanks to all for the assistance in helping us figure this out. Have a thoughtful and thankful Thursday :)
Martha Firnhaber


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Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I will respond regarding workers' comp. The D/R team does not need to be part of the county to be considered volunteers. If they are employees of another county or another company (a D/R company

specific to what they do, not some arbitrary job), then their company typically handles their workers' comp claims. However, if they "volunteer" to help out Shelby county – and assuming it is under the direction of the sheriff's department (which it typically would be), if they are injured and have NO work comp coverage with their employer (if there is one for the D/R team, which typically there is not), then Shelby County will be responsible for the claim/injury.

Thanks, Linda

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Hi Martha,

Thanks for bringing this to our attention. I have copied the County's CIRMA sales and claims teams here for input. We will review and someone will respond as soon as possible.

Thanks again.

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Chris,

Good afternoon. I hope this finds you doing well. I have included Cody Brands on this email. Cody is a county board member, a co-Legislative Committee member and is also a member of the Public Health and Safety Committee.

Cody has brought to my attention that we have had a serious situation arise regarding the Dive/Rescue Squads (D/R) and we would like to get your feedback regarding any, if any, affect this situation could have on insuring those squads.

The long and short of it is that it has come to the board's attention that the D/R were not established according to statute years ago. Cody and the PHS Committee are working diligently to determine how best/legally/statutorily appropriately to rectify the situation but it seems as this is not going to be an easy fix.

Given D/R are not legally departments or offices of the county we have questions/concerns regarding how the county insurance program would respond to any claims derived from D/R operations. Work Comp - would the volunteers have coverage if it is determined they are not technically volunteers of the county? Property/Equipment/Auto - does that come down to what entity it is titled/deeded/leased to? General Liability - again, if a claim arises out of their operations and D/R were not properly established could coverage not respond/apply?

I am sure there will be questions and we will do our best to answer those. I am in hopes we can all work together to attempt to have answers, or at least the best answers we can have, knowing what we know as of right now.

Thanks much for your expertise and guidance,

Martha Firnhaber

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