Montana State Fund

Cities & Towns of Montana Safety Roundtable

Newsletter

July 2026

Together We Can Move Mountains

Collaboration With a Purpose

Hosted by: Kellie Trudgeon & Tawni Jo Aguirre

This initiative aims to provide a consistent platform for safety leaders across Montana to network, engage in educational opportunities focused on important safety priorities, and facilitate the exchange of knowledge regarding best practices in safety and risk management relevant to our cities and towns.

This roundtable is open to all safety contacts in cities and towns across Montana, regardless of whether they are insured with Montana State Fund. We encourage you to share this invitation with your internal and external City & Town safety contacts, and your city's safety team!

In case you missed it!

Return-to-Work Program

Presented by:

- Angela Swingley - Risk Manager | City of Great Falls
- Becky Wilber - Director of Internal Services and Human Resources | City of Belgrade
- Jamie Norby - Senior HR Generalist | City of Bozeman

Replay the featured presentation recording by clicking **HERE.**

"Together we can enhance our safety programs to ensure that every worker goes home safe and whole at the end of the day."

Claim Examiner Corner

Policyholders can now review temporary total and temporary partial disability payments made to injured workers through their online access account.

Look for the "**Indemnity Payments**" button.

Suggestions From Survey & Follow-up Plan

Meeting Logistics & Communication

Interest in earlier scheduling (full year of meetings) and ensuring all participants receive notifications.

- Current 3-year schedule established – Information found on flyer, newsletters and website. Click **HERE** to view the 3-year meeting schedule.

Collaboration Value

Explore two collaboration groups (large vs. small municipalities) to tailor discussions more effectively.

- Results from July 7th JotForm do not show enough interest in separate groups at this time. However, we will continue to explore this need as we grow.

Content & Training Requests

Desire for practical tools (templates, checklists, best practice guides).

- We will explore options on our webpage to host a resource data base.

Interest in data analytics training, injury trend analysis, predictive tools and RTW program improvement.

- We will create an outside training, where we can show you what your SMCs have for tools to provide and assist with information.

Request for clarity on examiner expectations for employees.

- Would you like a dedicated one-off meeting – where you can ask questions to the CE?

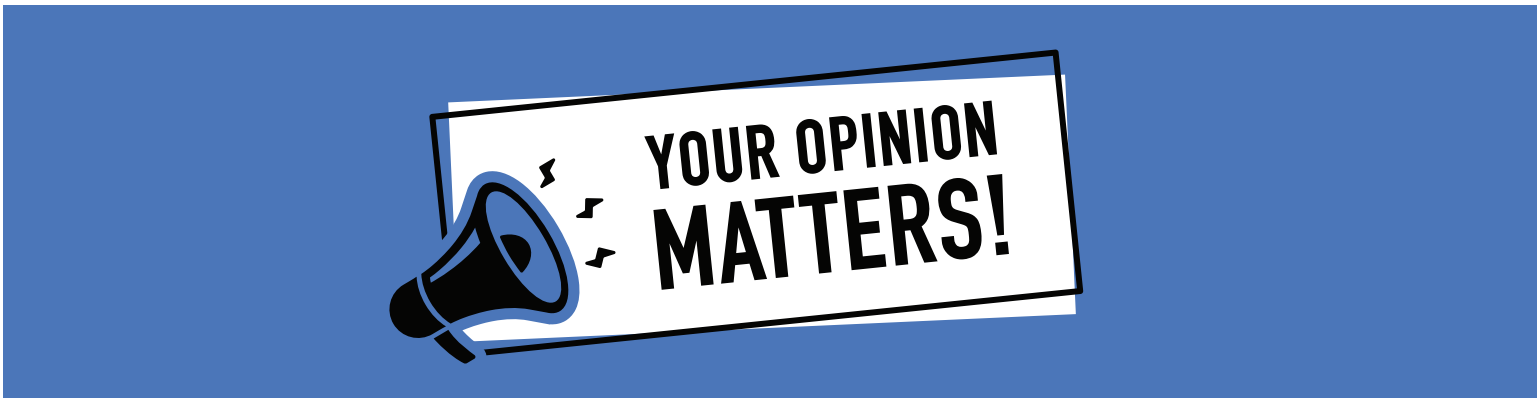
Networking Opportunities

Interest in occasional in person meetings, regional workshops, and MSF led training sessions.

- Currently we offer quarterly regional safety workshops. – Please let us know if you are not receiving these invites.

Suggestion for an annual statewide collaboration summit.

- You know we love a good JotForm – We will explore options for the 2027 year!



Keep an Eye Out

We will be scheduling a dedicated meeting with Claims Examiners to address the survey topic "Clarity on examiner expectations for employees." A JotForm will be sent soon so you can help select a preferred date.

Safety Resources

- **Stay-at-Work/Return-to-Work**: Resources are available at **SafeMT.com.**
Your MSF Safety Management Consultants are always available for support—please reach out anytime.

- **Construction Webinar:** Learn about fall prevention, safe ladder use, manual material handling, slip/trip/fall risks, motor vehicle safety and workers' compensation. Click **HERE** to register.

- **September's Safety Workshop:** Topics include "Situational Awareness" and "Barriers to Near Miss Reporting Programs." Click **HERE** to register.

Mark Your Calendar!

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Future Meeting Dates:

- October 6, 2026 – Safety Resources
- January 5, 2027 – Ergonomics and Workers Comp
- April 6, 2027 – Incentive Program
- July 6, 2027 – Department Code Auditing

All meetings start with music at 10:50 AM | Discussion starts at 11:00 AM.

Meeting & Newsletter Archive

To view previous meetings and newsletters please click the link below.

Video & Newsletter Archive

Following our online meeting, we invite you to join us for an informal discussion space where you can continue exploring the topics we covered. We'll host this session for approximately 30 minutes after the meeting, recognizing that many of you may want more time to engage with each other on these subjects. Feel free to grab a coffee and join your peers for an open dialogue—it's a great opportunity to share insights and ideas in a relaxed atmosphere.
We look forward to seeing you there!