



## Cities and Towns RoundTable Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2025

Hosts: SMCs Tawni Aguirre Butte and Kellie Trudgeon Columbia Falls

The meeting was attended by Greg Tryom and Becky Wilbert (City of Belgrade); JoLynn Yerger and Jennifer McCollum (City of Billings); Eilis Redmond, Cassie Tozer, Josh Waldo, and Jamie Norby (City of Bozeman); Andie Benedetti (City of Helena); Cari Rubin (City of Livingston); Mike Brady and Angela Simonson (City of Missoula); Jessica Chamberlin (City of Sidney); and Janelle McKay and Sherri Baccaro (City of Whitefish).

### Follow-up Items from June 25th Meeting

- **Listserv Email:** The dedicated email address [stfcacolab@mt.gov](mailto:stfcacolab@mt.gov) has been created. Members are reminded to send questions and suggestions to this listserv email to be pushed out to the group.
- **Future Dates:** Meetings have been scheduled for three years out. Members should refer to the **flyer attachment** for the full schedule.
- **Meeting Minutes and Newsletter:** Minutes, Newsletter, and resource attachments will be distributed to attendees following the meeting.
- **Jot Form Results:** There was a discussion on how the information gathered via the Jot Form is utilized to plan and tailor content for future meetings.
- **Q&A with Claims Examiner:** Kristy Wilson (Claims Examiner, Montana State Fund) was available for Q&A. Members are encouraged to contact Kristy directly with questions: [Kristy.Wilson@mt.gov](mailto:Kristy.Wilson@mt.gov).

### New Items and Suggestions

- **Weekly Indemnity Reports:** Claims Examiner Kristy Wilson is looking into the possibility of processing weekly indemnity reports.
- **Legislative Updates:** Updates on changes in legislative law affecting cities and towns.
- **"Make Them Whole Statute":** Application and impact of the "Make Them Whole Statute" for fire and police departments.



- **Medical Provider Letter:** Update to the Letter to Medical Provider for use in Grab and Go Kits

#### **Presentation: Bozeman Fire Department Project**

- **Topic:** Chief Josh Waldo and Jamie Norby (City of Bozeman) shared the success of their **Fire Academy Injury Prevention Program**.
- **Details:** The program was a result of successful collaboration with **Bridger Ortho Rehab** and SMC Safety Consultant **Dan Johnson** (Montana State Fund).
- **Results:** The program successfully reduced fire academy injuries from **50% to 0%**.
- Chief Josh Waldo welcomes other Fire Departments to reach out to learn more.
  - *Chief Waldo Contact Information: Phone: 406-582-2351.*

#### **Special Acknowledgements and City Brags**

- **Special Thanks** were extended to:
  - Chief Josh Waldo and Jamie Norby (City of Bozeman)
  - Dan Johnson (SMC Montana State Fund)
  - Kristy Wilson (Claims Examiner, Montana State Fund)
- **City Brags:** Members are encouraged to **send in their City Brags** for future meetings. City Brags will be published in CATCOLAB Newsletter

**Music Request:** Feel free to send in requests for opening waiting room music!

**Next Meeting Date: January 6, 2026**

**Topic:** Workers' Compensation and Claims Handling