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Connects with Community





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NEWS FROM THE *Executive Director*



Hello - it's spring and in Nebraska that means new baby calves, Irish celebrations, and new growth.

LARM is all about growing and learning. If you aren't growing and learning then you as a person may be stagnating and your community loses out on all what it can be, too.

LARM provides many opportunities for growing and learning. Go to our website www.larmpool.org and click on Training to log in to workers comp and risk management training opportunities.

We are also sponsoring the Western Nebraska Risk Management Seminar on July 17 in Gering to provide training and information on many topics all at one location. You can register on the website.

Call us at 402-742-2604 if you have any questions about training. Growing and learning will help make you and your community safer and happier. Have a great spring!

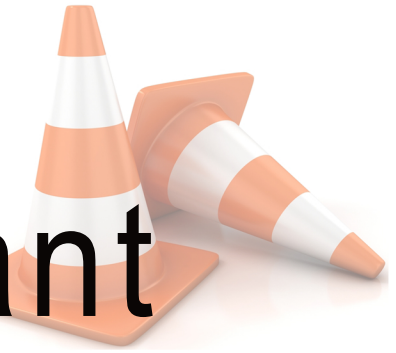
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(At right is a photo of "Surviving Emotional Trauma" training held in Norfolk)





Safety Grant



As of April 4, 35 LARM members have been awarded safety items of up to \$500 each for safety items as part of the Lean on LARM Safety Grant program approved by the LARM Board in December 2017.

Items approved and purchased by members include safety harnesses; safety cones and barricades; security cameras; reflective clothing; a padded pool decking mat; rubberized playground material; safety shoes, chaps, eye gear and much more.

LARM members are encouraged to apply for up to \$500 in grant money to fund or partially fund safety items that will assist in reducing or preventing injuries, property losses, Workers' Comp claims and/or liability claims. **LARM members can apply for a Safety Grant through September 30, 2018.** Each applicant must be a LARM member at the time of the grant application submission and issuance of funds.

The Lean on LARM committee reviews and selects qualifying recipients. Funds will be distributed only for items purchased after they were approved and after the receipt is presented to LARM.

Make sure to apply before September 30, 2018.

<http://www.larmpool.org/leanonlarm.html>

(Pictured is Charlie Griess, City of Atkinson maintenance worker, with safety harness purchased from a Lean on LARM Safety Grant.)





Valentine Police Chief Dana Miller Promotes Community Involvement

Police Chief Dana Miller makes community connections a priority in Valentine. From setting up a “CSI Valentine” project in the high school advanced biology class to stopping on patrol to visit with people who are walking their dogs, Miller places relationships high on her priority list.

A graduate of Colorado State, Miller met her husband, Frank, when they were both game wardens for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. While Frank is still a warden, after nine years of extensive traveling for her job, Dana decided in 2005 to work as a Valentine police officer instead. In 2014, she became the first female chief in Valentine overseeing five other officers in a town of 2800. She balances her 12 hour day shift with raising four teenage children.



“We’re like any other parents wanting to know where our kids are going and who they’re with. They’re used to their parents being in law enforcement because they don’t know any different,” Miller said. No other jobs require your mom to wear a 30 pound bulletproof vest and carry a gun, taser and first aid kit and allows her to arrest your classmates if needed. Luckily this mom is readily liked and respected in the community.

“Our police officers take the time to invest in the community. You have a much better relationship with kids in general when you’re involved in what they do,” Miller said.

(Pictured top to bottom page 6: Chief Miller with her daughter Kaylynn, Chief Miller with Naloxone purchased from the Lean on LARM grant; a picture KayLynn drew as a young girl
page 7: Chief Miller on patrol visiting with a local resident.)

National Night Out in July regularly draws 200-300 people who have in past years come to watch a cardboard boat race pitting Valentine police officers against the Cherry County officers at the city park. For 17 years, Miller coached the local town swim team. A presentation recently given by a fellow officer on "Introduction to Drug Awareness" was attended by 25 residents. Miller and her fellow officers are active in the community helping with the local blood drive, reading to kids at the library, participating in "Coffee with the Cops", teaching self-defense and speaking to groups about active shooters, social networking and healthy choices.

"We're like any other city – the same crime, same drugs just on a smaller scale and we have less resources to deal with it. Our officers do everything- respond, investigate, collect evidence – from start to finish. The good thing is you get to see what happens in the end and you see that you can make a difference," Miller said.

Miller has had serious law enforcement issues to deal with. She has been involved in use-of-force incidents and five years ago she apprehended the infamous "butt bandit" who had been smearing his genitals on Valentine business windows for two years.

"It's my claim to fame," she says of the crime that attracted nationwide attention.

When she can get away from the myriad of paperwork that's required of her job, Miller takes to the streets in her patrol car, waving to everyone and stopping to chat.

"You gotta treat people like you want to be treated...I'd be crazy if I wasn't afraid sometimes but God has blessed us with a lot of things. I'm glad he's running the show," Chief Miller said.



Carpenter Center Provides Activities for all Ages



Terrytown
Nebraska

The Terry and Hazeldeane Carpenter Intergenerational Center has been a gathering place for all ages since it was built in 1996. Senior citizens through 18 month old toddlers enjoy many different types of activities held at the Center. In 2017 a new Vernon Allan-First State Bank Tumbling Pavilion was added onto the Center. It has 375 members including kids who want to compete competitively or host a tumble and jump birthday party. Pickleball is held five days a week and there's usually a card game or two to play during the day. With a daycare center and fitness center at the Carpenter Center, there is no lack of activities in Terrytown.



(Pictured top to bottom The Tumbling Center has over 375 tumblers who compete across the state; Jeff Wolfe, City of Terrytown Engineer (left) and Lonnie Miller, City of Terrytown Administrator/Treasurer (right) at entrance of Center; card playing group; and Terrytown sign.

LEARN with LARM

Risk Management Seminar

July 17, 2018 8:30 am~3:30 pm MT
Gering Civic Center, Gering NE

In partnership with
Panhandle Clerks Association



TIME/PLACE

We will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 3:30 pm MT. Details are at www.larmpool.org/conference.html



TOPICS

Topics will include workplace violence, insuring events, workers comp 101, citizens academy and much more.



SPEAKERS

Speakers include LARM staff: Dave Bos, Paige Buffington, Fred Wiebelhaus, Tracy Juranek and Diane Becker.



TO REGISTER

To register go to www.larmpool.org/conference.html. Cost is \$20 per person before July 1. \$30 after July 1, 2018.

ABOUT US

League Association of Risk Management (LARM) is an insurance pool made up of 167 government entities across Nebraska. Our goal is to help Nebraska communities reduce risk.

WHY SHOULD YOU COME?

Reducing the risks in your community helps everyone. LARM members and non-members are invited to attend this special conference.

Don't get burnt by inadequate insurance!

We make sure our members are covered

LARM Insurance Pool since 1995

Beaver Crossing was struck by an EF-3 tornado in 2014. "Thanks to LARM, they had re-appraised everything and we had the true value on things. It made all the difference when we went to rebuild."

Former Village Board member John Davis



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