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NEWS FROM THE *Executive Director*



Hello - hope your 2018 is off to a good start. LARM is beginning 2018 strong with 166 members. That's impressive as we had just 30 in 2005.

You may not know that our members aren't made up of just cities and villages. We have fire districts, landfills, Natural Resource Districts, Sanitary Improvement Districts and even railroad districts as LARM members. It's always good to have a variety of organizations to spread out our risk.

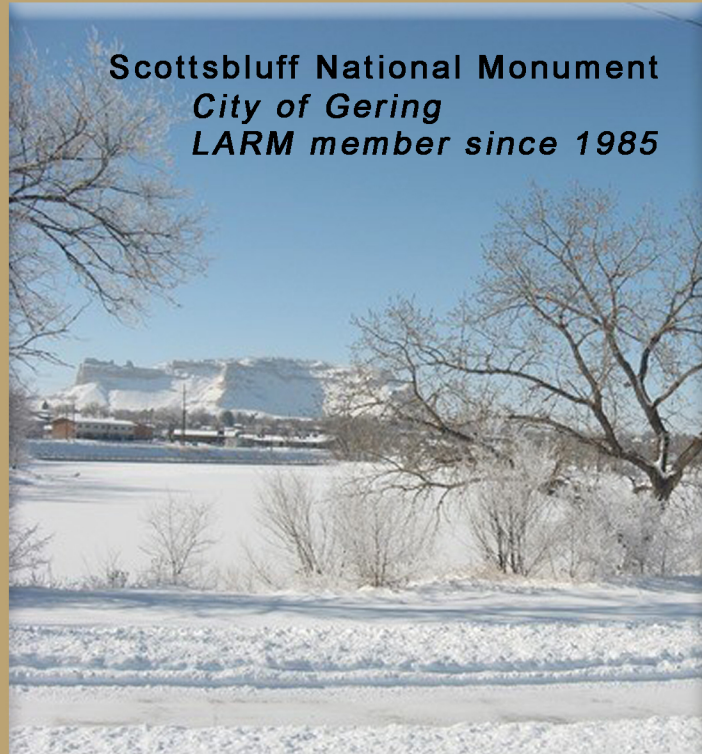
LARM members aren't alone in finding pools as a tremendous value for their insurance dollar. **It's estimated that 75,000 of over 91,000 government entities in the US are in a risk management pool.**

Pools have proven to be a highly effective, stable, and economic method for government entities to provide for their risk management needs. Congratulations on being one of the entities in Nebraska who are benefiting from membership in the LARM pool. You've made a smart choice. Now spread the word.

Call us at 402-742-2604 with any of your insurance questions and have a safe and healthy 2018.

Michael Nolan

**Scottsbluff National Monument
City of Gering
LARM member since 1985**





New Safety Grant

At their December 14 meeting in Lincoln, LARM Board members approved the implementation of the new Safety Grant program- "Lean on LARM"- that would provide \$500 to each of their 166 member communities across the state for safety equipment.

"We know that cities and villages have tight budgets. This grant will help them purchase reflective vests, a defibrillator, or other items that will add to their available safety tools," said Dave Bos, LARM Loss Control Manager.

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' Compensation claims and/or liability claims. LARM members can apply for one grant per fiscal year from October 1 through September 30. Each applicant must be a LARM member at the time of the grant application submission and issuance of grant funds.

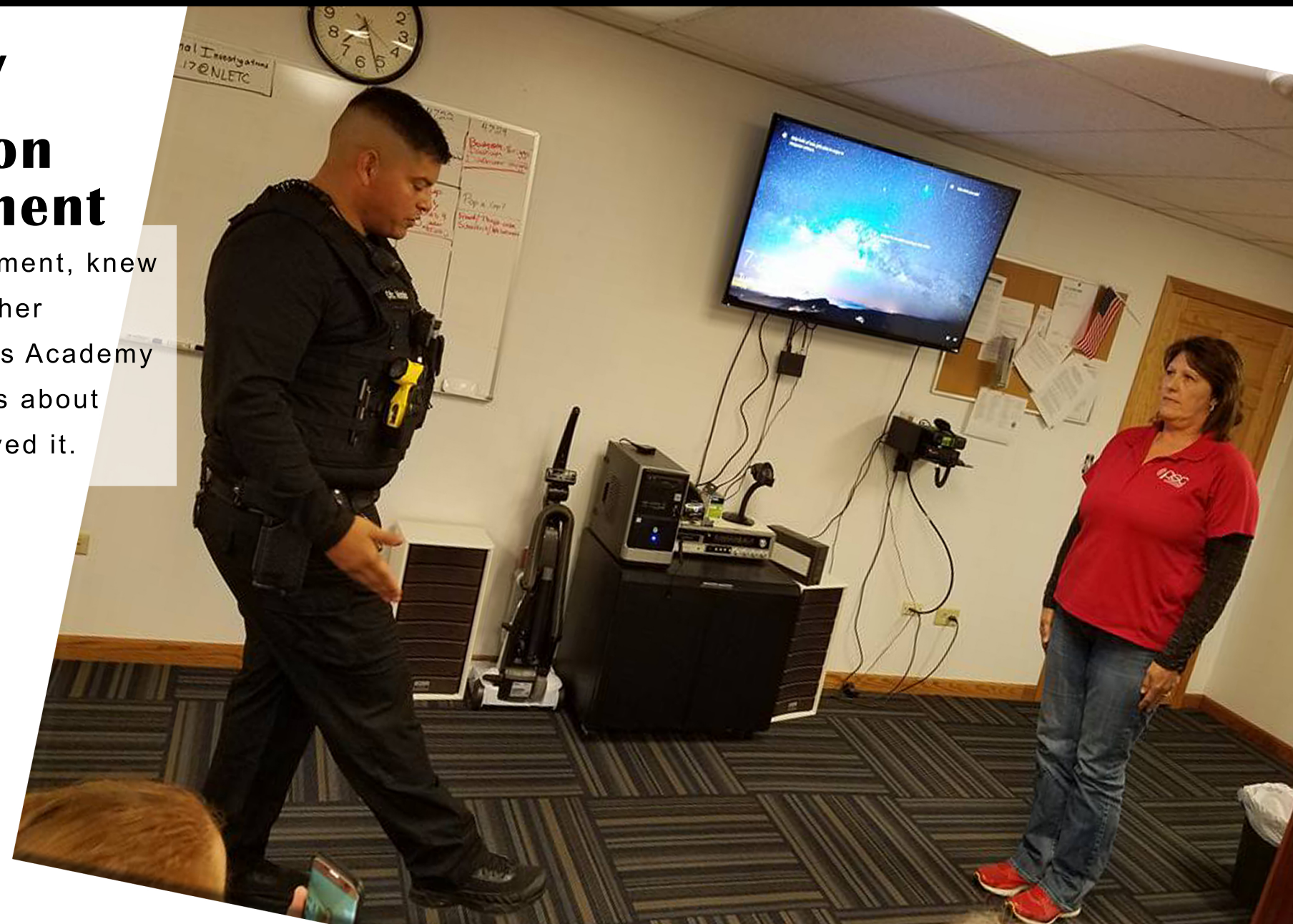
The Lean on LARM committee will review and select qualifying recipients of the grant. Funds will be distributed only for items purchased after they were approved and after the receipt is presented to LARM. Please do not purchase requested safety items until notified whether the application has been approved or not.

Go to <http://www.larmpool.org/leanonlarm.html> to apply.

Citizens Academy

Imperial citizens get hands-on education about local government

Skip Kelley, a volunteer with the City of Imperial Fire Department, knew how the fire department worked but was interested in how other government divisions operated. He was inspired by a Citizens Academy session at a conference to set up a program to teach citizens about local government operations. Presenters and participants loved it.



The first night was hosted by the fire department. Academy participants were able to don fire gear and drag fire hoses as part of being “back stage” at the fire department. The second session was all about the EMTs and what equipment and training they need. The third night, city police showed what tactics they use including the use of tasers. They also had volunteers take the sobriety tests they use when making traffic stops of suspected DUI drivers. In the fourth session, the Sheriff’s department had participants put on jumpsuits and sit in the county jail. The Emergency Management Team concluded the Academy in the fifth session demonstrating the communications system and emergency plans. (pictured above: Officer Daniel Morales and Jan Elliott)



Pictured on the right is Anne Kelley and 2nd Asst. Chief Kelsey Weiss

Citizens Academy Continued

The sessions were held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm each night with the hosting group providing a meal for the Academy participants. When it was their turn, the county provided their guests with prison food.

"The fire chief showed the group how to suit up in gear in under two minutes and showed them how to roll a hose. It was definitely eye opening," Kelley said.

The Emergency Management group gave a table top scenario on what they would do if a tornado went through the community.

"The fire whistle goes off and people see the fire trucks go by and they don't know what it's all about- what it all takes." Kelley said.

He is already planning on organizing another Citizens Academy for next year.

"As long as people have a willingness to learn. We open it up to anybody. We don't want to deter anyone. It's free and we provide day care," Kelley said.

Jan Elliot was one of the first time Citizens Academy participants.

"My husband is a fireman so I thought I knew some things but this was very enlightening. I strongly encourage people to do this, especially people who complain or maybe have great ideas. Learn what these people do. It changes your perception of what all takes place in our communities," Elliot said.



(Pictured front row from left to right: Mason Holmes, Makenna Castor and Kim Bartholomew, all part of the Dispatch team. Back row from left to right: Skip Kelley, Joan Wenzlick, Marisa Kunnemann, Anne Kelley and Jan Elliott)

Clarkson replaces sign along Highway 91



The City of Clarkson is just visible from busy Highway 91, hidden somewhat by a rise in a hill. A new \$22,000 lit sign was recently installed by the community along the highway inviting people to enjoy Clarkson Czech hospitality. "We had an older wooden sign for years that was poorly lit and needed updating. Everybody loves the new one," said Charles Hamernik, Clarkson Mayor.



See all the LARM staff at <http://www.larmpool.org>
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Meet our LARM staff



Tracy Juranek has been with LARM for six years. She began as an Executive Administrative Assistant and is now the LARM Customer Service Specialist. Originally from Shelby, Tracy lives with her husband in Nebraska City. They have a daughter and a son.

Tracy has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration – Marketing from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Before coming to work for LARM, Tracy worked as an independent insurance agent for nine years. She is licensed in the life, health, property and casualty insurance lines.



Randy Peters is LARM's new Auto Field Adjuster/Loss Control Assistant. He has 19 years of experience in casualty, property, auto, farm/ranch and commercial claims. Prior to that, Randy was a Norfolk police officer and detective.

He has a Bachelors degree in Organizational Management from Concordia University and a Masters degree in Education from Wayne State College. He teaches Criminal Justice and Sociology at Northeast Community College.

Randy resides in Norfolk with his wife and in his spare time he enjoys skiing, golfing, driving his Corvette and playing with his grandchildren.