

Teammates,

One of Governor Ricketts' top priorities is public safety. Within DAS, our Risk Division plays a key role in supporting this priority by helping to educate teammates and their families about important safety practices. Recently, this effort was on full display as the Risk Management team recently partnered with multiple organizations to host [Statewide Safety Day](#), including:

- Nebraska Safety Council
- Nebraska Air National Guard Fire Department
- Nebraska Department of Correctional Services
- Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy
- Nebraska State Fire Marshal
- Nebraska State Patrol
- Nebraska Game and Parks
- Lincoln Electrical System
- Lancaster County Sheriff's Office
- Lincoln Police Department
- Lincoln Fire and Rescue
- Operation Lifesaver

While the emphasis of the event was on public safety and lifestyle decisions, the Risk team also has as a core mission the reduction of workplace related injuries. This focus area aligns with our values, which include our teammates, and also impacts the taxpayers bottom line. Workplace related injuries have contributed to over 950 workers' compensation claims and approximately \$15 million in total liability this year. By focusing on safety, we can avoid preventable workplace injuries and save taxpayer money.

Thank you to all our teammates who came out to Statewide Safety Day to participate in all the fun activities. We appreciate that you take your safety and the safety of your fellow teammates as seriously as we do. Finally, thank you to our [Risk Management team](#) and all the various agencies and organizations that participated and helped make this year's Statewide Safety Day a huge success.

Regards,

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