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OF SPECIAL NOTE - In our continual effort to provide information to members timely and in a more concise manner, notices regarding items posted to the website are included in the e-Brief. Please don't forget to register for the website with your own username and password for access to the "Members Only" section.

To register for the CalTIP website (www.caltiponline.org), select the "Register" link on the upper right-hand side of the home page, select your entity from the dropdown box, and complete the requested fields. Please note anyone within your organization may sign-up for the website. *Important Note:* Your username and password for accessing Oasys-Net, the online vehicle database, remains the same and is still required for accessing that database.

Safety & Risk Control

Most Expensive Types of Claims

By Terrie Norris, CalTIP Risk Control Manager

Transit Mutual Insurance recently compiled a list of their most expensive claims handled from 2010 to 2013 in terms of amounts paid or expected to be paid. They reported that, "Of the forty claims (ten per year for four years), rear-end accidents were the most frequent cause of the claims." Second on their list of most expensive claims were incidents involving left turns.

The annual CalTIP Risk Profile reported that last year, for fixed routes, 21% of the collision incidents involved rear-end incidents (transit vehicle rear-ended other vehicle 13%; other vehicle rear-ended transit vehicle 8%). When it came to the costs of the collisions, 34% of the incurred costs involved rear-end incidents (transit vehicle rear-ended other vehicle 22%; other vehicle rear-ended transit vehicle 12%).

At our December CalTIP Study Session, we reviewed a summary of two years of Secret Rider findings. The Secret Rider program reports observations of drivers' behaviors when they do not know they are being watched. When it came to making left hand turns, the findings were mixed:

- Safe speed through turn – 98% of the time
- Yields to pedestrians – 93% of the time
- Square turn – 93% of the time
- Slow through crosswalk – only 68% of the time
- Rock n' Roll to clear blind spots – only 22% of the time

It is important for supervisors to focus on collision avoidance behaviors and safe left turn techniques when conducting driver training, ride-a-longs, and follow-behind observations. More importantly, the supervisors should follow-up to ensure drivers understand what they are doing right, and what they need to do differently to be a safe driver.

Reminders

Changes in Self-Insured Retention – The deadline for making changes to your Liability Program self-insured retention (SIR) level is February 28, 2015. If you would like to change your SIR, please notify CalTIP in writing; email notification is acceptable.

The Spring Board Meeting 2015 will be held on April 9th and 10th in Sacramento, CA. Information on the meeting venue, lodging, and online registration is forthcoming.

Elections – An election to fill vacancies and expiring positions on the Finance & Administration Committee and Member Services Committee will be held in conjunction with the CalTIP Board of Directors' meeting in April 2015. Solicitation for Nominations is forthcoming.

Committee Meetings – The Member Services Committee, Finance & Administration Committee, and Oversight Committee will be meeting at the Bickmore office in Sacramento, CA on February 19th, March 19th, and March 24th, respectively. As a reminder, the entire membership will be notified regarding the availability of committee meeting agendas on the website. If you are not on a committee, but would like to provide your input on any business items on the agenda, you may contact the chair of the committee or staff to discuss your concerns or ideas, prior to the meeting. If interested, Board Members who are not on a committee may attend committee meetings; however, travel expenses will not be reimbursed by CalTIP.

IRS Standard Mileage Rate for 2015 – Effective January 1, 2015, the standard mileage rates is 57.5 cents per mile.

The Quarterly Budget Expenditure Report as of January 31, 2015, has been posted to the CalTIP website under "[Members Only](#)," "[Financials and Budgets](#)." This report provides up-to-date information regarding expenditures as compared to the fiscal year's budget.

Meeting Minutes – Check-out the "[Agendas & Minutes](#)" section of the CalTIP website for current available meeting minutes. The CalTIP Study Session meeting minutes are forthcoming.

Meeting Schedule – Visit the "[Events](#)" section of the CalTIP website for the calendar of upcoming meeting dates.

Watch Your Email For...

- CalTIP Solicitation for Nominations to fill vacancies and expiring positions on the Finance & Administration and Member Services Committees
- CalTIP Spring Board Meeting 2015 hotel information and online registration

Questions or Comments?

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