

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

WASHOE COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 16, 2024

1:30 PM

Washoe County Administration Complex

1001 E. Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada

Remotely via Zoom Only

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AGENDA

1. **Call to Order and Determination of Quorum** [Non-Action Item].
2. **Public Comment** [Non-Action Item]. Comments heard under this item will be limited to three minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Safety Committee agenda. However, action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on an agenda as an action item. Comments are to be made to the Safety Committee as a whole.
3. **Announcement** [Non-Action Item]. Announcement of the resignation of Deputy Christensen from the County Safety Committee and the appointment of Deputy Leshner, by the Washoe County Sheriff’s Deputies Association, to fill the vacancy.
4. **Approval of September 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes** [For Possible Action]. A review and approval of the Washoe County Safety Committee meeting minutes of September 21, 2023.
5. **Presentation and Discussion of Industrial Injury Reports** [For Possible Action]. A presentation of the Industrial Injury Summary Reports and discussion, and possible action, to make recommendations for the purpose of prevention of work-related injuries or illnesses.
6. **Code 65 Update** [For Possible Action]. A discussion on Section 65 of the Washoe County Code and possible action to recommend code revisions and/or updates for the purpose of addressing work-related injuries or illnesses.
7. **Communication Summary** [For Possible Action]. A review, discussion, and possible action based on the communication summary from Ben West for safety announcements to County personnel.
8. **Award Nominations** [For Possible Action]. A discussion and possible recommendations of safety award nominations for County employees.
9. **Committee Planning for 2024** [For Possible Action]. A discussion and possible action regarding activities, events, notifications, and projects to be accomplished in calendar year 2024.

10. **Update on Safety Drills** [For Possible Action]. A presentation and update by Ben West on County scheduled safety drills that have taken place since the last meeting and possible discussion of safety drills.
11. **Announcements and Future Agendas** [Non-Action Item]. Comments by the Committee or staff members, limited to announcements, topics, or issues for future agendas. No discussion among committee members will take place on this item.
12. **Public Comment** [Non-Action Item]. Comments heard under this item will be limited to three minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Safety Committee agenda. However, action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on an agenda as an action item. Comments are to be made to the Safety Committee as a whole.
13. **Adjournment.** [Non-Action Item].

WASHOE COUNTY YTD COMPARISON

COST BY DEPARTMENT CYTD (5/10/24)

| Department | 2023 Paid | 2024 Paid | 2023 Out Reserve | 2024 Out Reserve | 2023 Recovered | 2024 Recovered | 2023 Total Incur | 2024 Total Incur | 2023 Claim Count | 2024 Claim Count | 2023 Cost per Claim | 2024 Cost per Claim |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| ALTERNATE SENTENCING | \$ 1,276.30 | \$ 3,913.74 | \$ - | \$ 486.26 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,400.00 | 0 | 1 | \$ - | \$ 4,400.00 |
| ANIMAL SERVICES | \$ 7,752.22 | \$ 1,026.03 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,026.03 | 0 | 4 | \$ - | \$ 256.51 |
| ASSESSOR 112 | \$ 546.19 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 546.19 | \$ - | 1 | 0 | \$ 546.19 | \$ - |
| BUILDING & SAFETY 540 RENO | \$ 10.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 10.00 | \$ - | 1 | 0 | \$ 10.00 | \$ - |
| CORONER 510 | \$ 37,049.69 | \$ 2,505.40 | \$ - | \$ 1,964.60 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,470.00 | 0 | 1 | \$ - | \$ 4,470.00 |
| DISTRICT ATTORNEY 115 COURT | \$ 1,233.79 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 0 | 1 | \$ - | \$ - |
| DISTRICT COURTS 230 COURT | \$ 4,073.47 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,073.47 | \$ - | 1 | 0 | \$ 4,073.47 | \$ - |
| GENERAL SERVICES 610 NINTH | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 1 | 0 | \$ - | \$ - |
| HEALTH 2 RENO | \$ 3,144.18 | \$ 839.75 | \$ - | \$ 1,297.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,136.75 | 0 | 3 | \$ - | \$ 712.25 |
| JAN EVANS JUVENILE SERV 236 | \$ 5,131.96 | \$ 15,556.07 | \$ - | \$ 15,384.48 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 30,940.55 | 0 | 7 | \$ - | \$ 4,420.08 |
| JUSTICE COURTS 259 RENO | \$ 57,133.30 | \$ - | \$ 10,299.43 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 67,432.73 | \$ - | 1 | 0 | \$ 67,432.73 | \$ - |
| LAW LIBRARY 233 | \$ 208.50 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 208.50 | \$ - | 1 | 0 | \$ 208.50 | \$ - |
| MANAGER 119 | \$ 457.09 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 457.09 | \$ - | 1 | 0 | \$ 457.09 | \$ - |
| PARK & RECREATION 400 WASHOE | \$ 1,452.79 | \$ 1,198.95 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,198.95 | 0 | 1 | \$ - | \$ 1,198.95 |
| PUBLIC GUARDIAN 355 | \$ 230,535.29 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 230,535.29 | \$ - | 1 | 0 | \$ 230,535.29 | \$ - |
| ROADS 5 LONGLY | \$ 3,412.67 | \$ 775.28 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 775.28 | 0 | 2 | \$ - | \$ 387.64 |
| SHERIFF 500 COURT | \$ 677,908.37 | \$ 33,842.79 | \$ - | \$ 71,558.10 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 105,400.89 | 0 | 33 | \$ - | \$ 3,193.97 |
| SOCIAL SERVICE | \$ 5,120.63 | \$ 2,145.07 | \$ - | \$ 3,704.93 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,120.63 | \$ 5,850.00 | 4 | 2 | \$ 1,280.16 | \$ 2,925.00 |
| TECHNOLOGY SERVICES | \$ - | \$ 441.86 | \$ - | \$ 558.14 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | 0 | 1 | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 |
| TREASURER 116 | \$ 3,693.95 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,693.95 | \$ - | 1 | 0 | \$ 3,693.95 | \$ - |
| Totals: | \$1,040,140.39 | \$62,244.94 | \$10,299.43 | \$94,953.51 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$312,077.85 | \$157,198.45 | 13 | 56 | \$14,980.58 | \$22,964.39 |

WASHOE COUNTY CLAIMS 2024 YTD (5/10/24)

| Date of Loss | Loss Cause Detail | OSHA 301-What Was EE Doing | IR Summary | WC-Total Days Away | WC-Total Days Restricted | Net Incurred | Status |
|--------------|---------------------------------|--|---|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------|
| 1/3/2024 | REACHING | Pulling over a DUI and putting on his vest. | IW was putting on a police vest to conduct a D.U.I traffic stop and his right shoulder popped. | 0 | 0 | \$193.50 | Closed |
| 1/8/2024 | ABSORPTION/INGESTION /INHALATIO | | IW had just completed giving a child the Kinrix vaccine shot when the child abruptly pulled away as the needle was exiting the child's body causing a mist of the vaccine to fly. IW felt a mist of the vaccine fly up into his right eye. | 0 | 0 | \$198.50 | Closed |
| 1/8/2024 | NEEDLESTICK | Disposing of a needle. | IW attempted a blood draw of a client and was unsuccessful, so they put the butterfly apparatus in the sharps container. The safety device was not deployed. The butterfly looked like it did not go all the way into the sharps container, so IW tried to knock it into the container by manipulating the plastic piece on top. IW poked herself with the needle during this action. | 0 | 0 | \$288.25 | Closed |
| 1/8/2024 | OVEREXERT/STRAIN NOC | Assisting other Deputies in Restraining an Inmate. | IW was assisting other deputies in taking control of unpredictable behavior from a mental health inmate who was being placed in wrist restraints. The deputies were attempting to shower and change the inmate out prior to escorting him to a housing unit. | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | Closed |
| 1/9/2024 | OVEREXERTION | Push-ups and Plank Position Physical Training | IW completed a full day of physical training. At the end of the day, IW advised his right should began to hurt while completing push-ups and holding a plank position. | 0 | 121 | \$5,500.00 | Open |
| 1/9/2024 | OVEREXERTION | Jumping Jacks | IW was performing jumping jacks while training and felt his knee pop when his foot planted on the ground. | 0 | 6 | \$406.15 | Closed |
| 1/12/2024 | CUT PUNCTURE SCRAPE-NOC | Involved in an Inmate Altercation | Deputies had to use physical force to stop an inmate from fighting/biting other deputies while trying to restrain him. During the restraining process, the deputy struck the inmate in the mouth causing the deputy to receive an open wound to his right hand/knuckle. This inmate is known to carry a communicable disease. | 8 | 16 | \$2,700.66 | Closed |
| 1/12/2024 | FALL SLIP OR TRIP NOC | Playing kickball with Juveniles | IW was supervising groups, participating in group play kickball in the gym. He jumped back to avoid getting hit with the ball, lost his footing, fell and landed on his right elbow. | 1 | 117 | \$19,850.00 | Open |
| 1/12/2024 | ASSAULT | Retraining an Inmate. | Deputies had to use physical force to stop an inmate from fighting/biting other deputies while trying to restrain him. During the restraining process, the inmate bit the Deputy on his right thumb. The deputy claimed that the bite did not break the skin. The inmate is known to carry a communicable disease. | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | Closed |
| 1/14/2024 | SCRATCHED | Infirmiry Duty | Inmate scratched IW's face causing multiple abrasions, resulting in an exposure protocol. | 0 | 0 | \$458.41 | Closed |
| 1/16/2024 | STRAIN OR INJURY BY TWISTING | Walking | IW was walking and stopped and turned when he tweaked his knee. | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | Closed |
| 1/17/2024 | OVEREXERTION | Defensive Tactics and Range Training | IW was participating in Defensive Tactics training, he heard and felt a pop in his right knee. It caused his right leg to become stiff and sore at the front and back of his knee. | 0 | 0 | \$477.82 | Closed |
| 1/18/2024 | REPETITIVE ACTION | Using Vocal Cords | Repetitive vocal stress from normal and extraordinary Law Enforcement activities causing increased and ongoing strain of the vocal cords. | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | Closed |
| 1/22/2024 | OVEREXERT/STRAIN NOC | Sprinting | IW was performing a sprint during physical training when he heard a pop and felt his knee hyperextend. IW lost his balance and fell causing Effusion of the left knee. | 0 | 108 | \$48,750.00 | Open |
| 1/23/2024 | STRAIN OR INJURY BY TWISTING | Walking into Homeless Encampment. | IW was walking while performing outreach duties and took an awkward step which impacted her right knee. It did not immediately cause an issue, however she woke up on 1/24/24 noticing the knee was stiff and sore. | 0 | 105 | \$4,850.00 | Open |
| 1/25/2024 | OVEREXERTION | Gorilla Walk | IW was participating in physical training and felt his back tweak. As he cooled off after the workout, he started to feel significant pain in lower left back. He was doing an exercise called the "Gorilla Walk." | 0 | 105 | \$842.63 | Closed |
| 1/25/2024 | ANIMAL | Investigating a crime scene. | IW was removing a dog from a vehicle during an investigation and was bitten as he attempted clear inside the crime scene. | 0 | 0 | \$760.99 | Closed |

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| 1/30/2024 | ASSAULT | Escorting an Inmate | IW was escorting an uncooperative mental health inmate to suicide watch when the inmate scratched him on the jaw, neck and hand. | 0 | 0 | \$304.43 | Closed |
| 1/30/2024 | SCUFFLE/FIGHT | Attempting to control an Inmate | IW attempted to physically control an Inmate and received injuries to her arms, Head, scalp, neck and shoulders. | 0 | 0 | \$430.93 | Closed |
| 1/30/2024 | JUMPING | Physical Training | IW was participating in physical training. The training for the day was an obstacle course that required the recruits to jump over a couple of fences. IW advised that his left ankle was swollen due to the prior's day PT session. | 5 | 6 | \$401.61 | Closed |
| 2/1/2024 | MOTOR VEHICLE-REARENDED | Sitting at a full stop in traffic in a County Vehicle | IW was at a full stop in County Vehicle #1382 with traffic and a work truck failed to stop, rear-ending a Lexus that then rear-ended County Vehicle #1382. Vehicle #1382 then impacted another vehicle in front of him. | 0 | 0 | \$1,650.00 | Open |
| 2/3/2024 | FELLOW WORKER-PATIENT | Assisting is restraining an inmate. | IW assisted another Deputy with an uncooperative inmate and while he was maintaining control of the inmate's legs, he sustained injury to his right eyeball from Deputy Mahoney's finger. | 0 | 1 | \$305.91 | Closed |
| 2/3/2024 | HUMAN | Escorting Inmate | While escorting an uncooperative inmate, IW was placing the inmate in the prone position. While maintaining control of the inmate's legs, Deputy Mahoney sustained injury to is left elbow approximately 1" in circumference. | 0 | 0 | \$305.91 | Closed |
| 2/5/2024 | FALL SLIP TRIP ON ICE OR SNOW | Walking to his assigned unit | IW was walking to his assigned unit when he slipped on ice injuring his right knee. | 15 | 79 | \$14,200.00 | Open |
| 2/5/2024 | NO SPECIFIC INCIDENT | Annual Physical | IW was completing his annual physical and he was advised by ARC physician of a nodule located in the bottom of his left lung as a result of his x-ray. | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | Closed |
| 2/6/2024 | REPETITIVE ACTION | Occupational Disease | IW suffers from hearing loss due to long term exposure to radio frequencies, firearms training and jet turbine engine noise from helicopters. | 0 | 0 | \$2,750.00 | Open |
| 2/9/2024 | OVEREXERT/STRAIN NOC | Defensive Training | IW was taking part in Defensive Tactics Training when she felt a pinch in her right arm. Her hand started going numb. On 2/12/24, IW could not extend her ring or middle finger without pain. She sought treatment at ROC and had a splint attached to her right arm and hand. | 0 | 41 | \$3,775.00 | Open |
| 2/10/2024 | CAUGHT IN/BETWEEN | Closing a kennel door. | IW was closing the kennel door and his hand was caught between the door and the kennel. | 0 | 4 | \$700.30 | Closed |
| 2/12/2024 | FALL SLIP TRIP ON ICE OR SNOW | Stepping off of the truck bed. | IW was stepping off of the truck bed, slipped on ice on the bumper and fell onto the tongue of the port-a-potty trailer with his left side/ribs. | 0 | 0 | \$173.50 | Closed |
| 2/14/2024 | SLIPPED/FALL | Walking | IW was walking on the sidewalk and stepped off. When she transitioned back onto the sidewalk and into dirt, she tripped and fell face first with the left half of her face on the dirt and the right side on the sidewalk. | 0 | 0 | \$1,198.95 | Closed |
| 2/23/2024 | CUT PUNCTURE SCRAPE-NOC | Removing a cat from a compartment | IW was bitten by a cat as she was trying to remove it from the engine compartment. | 0 | 0 | \$325.73 | Closed |
| 3/3/2024 | SPRAIN/STRAIN | Struggling with an Uncooperative Subject | IW went hands on with an uncooperative subject. He was taken to the ground and in the struggle to gain control of his hands IW sprained his left hand/thumb. | 0 | 10 | \$859.57 | Closed |
| 3/4/2024 | FALL SLIP TRIP ON ICE OR SNOW | | IW was walking in the Employee Parking Lot and slipped on ice. He lost his footing and almost fell, but managed to stay standing. In the effort, he strained his back. | | | \$0.00 | Open |
| 3/7/2024 | STEPPED IN/ON | Playing Pickle Ball with the Juveniles | IW was actively participating in an organized activity with the juveniles when he turned and felt something pop in his left pointer toe. | 0 | 0 | \$198.01 | Closed |
| 3/12/2024 | BODY FLUIDS | Effecting an arrest. | IW was effecting an arrest and the subject turned and spit on her face. | 0 | 0 | \$2,350.00 | Open |
| 3/13/2024 | SLIPPED/FALL | Clearing Weeds out from a Ditch | IW was working on clearing weeds out from a ditch when he slipped on the slope and fell on his left knee. | 0 | 1 | \$601.78 | Closed |
| 3/13/2024 | SPRAIN/STRAIN | Playing football with juveniles. | IW was working outside recreation playing football with the juveniles and stated that he heard a popping sound and it hurts to put his heel down. | 13 | 44 | \$5,859.91 | Open |

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| 3/14/2024 | SPRAIN/STRAIN | Defensive Tactics Training | IW was participating in defensive tactics training. IW was grappling with another recruit when he hyper-extended his right thumb while performing a technique. He felt pain but continued the training. On 3/15/24, his thumb began to swell and his pain worsened. | 0 | 5 | \$1,350.00 | Open |
| 3/14/2024 | SLIP/FALL ON STAIR/ELEVATOR | Walking | IW missed the steps coming out of the doors at Hug High School doesn't know if either her shoes/foot got stuck on the top step or if her vision was blurred causing her to fall face forward down 3 steps to the ground level. | 1 | 0 | \$1,000.00 | Open |
| 3/18/2024 | BODY FLUIDS | Detaining a Fleeing Suspect | | 0 | 0 | \$4,400.00 | Open |
| 3/22/2024 | SCUFFLE/FIGHT | Watching juveniles playing basketball | While breaking up a fight between to juveniles IW attempted to place a juvenile on the ground. Juvenile fell backwards and landed on IW left hand. | | | \$1,120.00 | Open |
| 3/23/2024 | NEEDLESTICK/BLOOD COLLECT | Performing Blood Draw on Corpse | Drawing peripheral Blood when IW stuck own left index finger needle while completing autopsy. | 0 | 0 | \$4,470.00 | Open |
| 3/29/2024 | GUNSHOT | Attempting to apprehend a suspect | IW attempting to apprehend a violent suspect. Suspect fired multiple rounds, striking IW in helix of Right ear with one round. | 41 | 0 | \$7,300.00 | Open |
| 4/9/2024 | FELLOW WORKER-PATIENT | Defensive Training Tactics | IW was performing a takedown with his partner, Charles. During the takedown, Charles fell backward and fell on the top of Talaia's right knee causing pain. | 0 | 24 | \$3,070.00 | Open |
| 4/10/2024 | STUCK/PUNCTURED BY | A Cell Extraction | IW was called to perform a cell extraction. At 11:45 while entering a cell, the deputy struck the toilet with his left shin and his Pin Shield with his right shin while securing the inmate on the ground. | 0 | 0 | \$1,000.00 | Open |
| 4/12/2024 | SMOKE INHALATION | Extinguishing a vehicle fire. | IW inhaled smoke while extinguishing a vehicle fire of a classic vehicle with a fire extinguisher inside of an open garage. | 0 | 0 | \$1,000.00 | Open |
| 4/12/2024 | INHALATION | Extinguishing Vehicle Fire | IW inhaled smoke while extinguishing a vehicle fire of a classic vehicle with a fire extinguisher inside of an open garage. | 0 | 0 | \$1,000.00 | Open |
| 4/12/2024 | INHALATION | Extinguishing a vehicle fire | IW inhaled smoke while extinguishing a vehicle fire of a classic vehicle with a fire extinguisher inside of an open garage. | 0 | 0 | \$1,000.00 | Open |
| 4/12/2024 | INHALATION | Extinguishing a vehicle fire. | IW inhaled smoke while extinguishing a vehicle fire of a classic vehicle with a fire extinguisher inside of an open garage. | 27 | 0 | \$1,000.00 | Open |
| 4/16/2024 | PIERCED/PUNCTURED BY | Walking with a Client and his dog, on the sidewalk. | IW was walking on the sidewalk and the client's dog lunged and bit his right hand. | 0 | 0 | \$1,000.00 | Open |
| 4/23/2024 | GUNSHOT | Training recruits in Force on Force | During force on force training for the Northern Nevada Law Enforcement Academy a simunition round fired by a recruit during a scenario struck Deputy Martucci in the forehead just above her safety glasses causing a cut. | 1 | 0 | \$1,000.00 | Open |
| 4/23/2024 | NO SPECIFIC INCIDENT | Annual physical | Exposure to loud noise including but not limited to; shooting at county range (gunfire), loud alarms, loud radio traffic, loud doors and noises in detention facility. | 0 | 0 | \$4,750.00 | Open |
| 4/24/2024 | STRUCK BY/AGAINST | Retrieving items from her duty truck. | IW was retrieving items from her duty vehicle when she struck her right elbow on the corner of the rear door, resulting in immediate intense pain followed by difficulty moving the arm. | 0 | 15 | \$0.00 | Open |
| 5/1/2024 | STRAIN OR INJURY BY TWISTING | | Recruit Lawson was wrestling another recruit as part of his defensive tactics training. During his match, he rolled his right ankle. He was in immediate pain, but finished the training day. His ankle has swollen up and he was in severe pain when he got home. | 0 | 8 | \$1,070.00 | Open |
| 5/2/2024 | ASSAULT | Attempting to take Subject into Custody | IW arrived at Reno Behavioral Health and met with Subject Rider MacKenzie. When attempting to take him into custody, IW was hit in the face and thrown to the ground multiple times by Subject. Injuries were scratch on right temple and right ear. Bruising on upper right thigh and upper back area. | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | Open |
| 5/6/2024 | ALLERGIC REACTION | | IW rubbed her eye while in the clinic. She had previously been working in the cat intake room cleaning; also had been wrapping surgical packs in the area. | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | Open |

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| 2024 TOTALS: | CLAIMS: 56 | 112 | 816 | \$ 157,198.45 |
| 2023 TOTALS: | CLAIMS: 85 | 475 | 2113 | \$ 1,100,299.70 |



WASHOE COUNTY

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SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

1:30 PM

1. **Call to Order and Determination of Quorum [Non-Action Item].**

Ben West called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm, read the public participation section of the agenda, and declared they had a quorum.

2. **Public Comment [Non-Action Item].**

There was no public comment.

3. **Announcement [Discussion Only].**

Ben West read the agenda item of the resignation of Deputy Christensen from the County Safety Committee and the appointment of Deputy Leshar by the Washoe County Sheriff's Deputies Association to fill the vacancy. Ben added that they are waiting for advice from the District Attorney on a letter from the Deputies Association which Deputy Leshar is working on. This item is to be tabled until the next meeting to officially appoint Deputy Leshar to the Safety Committee.

4. **Approval of July 20, 2023, Meeting Minutes [For Possible Action].** A review and approval of the Washoe County Safety Committee meeting minutes of July 20, 2023.

Cathy Hill made a motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2023, as they stand. Jay Slocum seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Presentation and Discussion of Industrial Injury Reports [For Possible Action].** A presentation of the Industrial Injury Summary reports and discussion, and possible action, to make recommendations for the purpose of prevention of work-related injuries or illnesses.

Cathy Hill referred to pages 8, 9 & 10 of the packets and said that while they have been in the process of finding a replacement for Celeste Wallick, they have been playing with some of the reports that come out of the 3rd Party Administrator's Worker's Comp system. She found a report that shows not only how many claims are associated with a particular event but also the average cost of the claim which is beneficial for the Committee to see. She added that she is hoping to bring a new style of reports to the Committee in the future and asked members to speak up if there are any requests or recommendations for any type of report that the Committee would find interesting, that can be divulged. Her team will then look into creating the requested reports. Page 10 is still an active list being used that shows claims through August with 78 active open claims of 132 total claims which include the long-term claims that must be maintained.



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This number doesn't include claims that were opened and closed in the same time frame that come through Risk Management.

Ben West said that he liked the average cost per claim feature which gives you a better understanding of claims that don't seem like much, but when you see the associated costs and multiply that by the number of claims, you realize its significance.

Cathy noted that some of the claims can be prevented while others cannot. She stressed the importance of continuing to offer videos on how to be cautious and aware, and taking the time to bend properly or to lift properly. She continued that the purpose of this Committee is to avoid injuries at all costs whether through information sharing or training.

Ben West asked if there could be reports created to determine what the most common preventable incidents are. This would help guide them in the outreach they're doing and assist in referring people back to the videos they have. Cathy said they would continue to play with the reports and see if they could find something that could be more informational by the next meeting.

6. **Code 65 Update [For Possible Action]. A discussion on Section 65 of the Washoe County Code and possible action to recommend code revisions and/or updates for the purpose of addressing work-related injuries or illnesses.**

Ben West stated that this item will be entered into Granicus with the first reading scheduled to go to the Board of County Commissioners on October 10th with a tentative second reading for the last BCC meeting in October. Cathy Hill said that this item would extend the time between Safety Committee meetings. Instead of meeting every other month, the Committee would meet quarterly. Ben confirmed that that was one of the significant changes for the Committee but that it also delineated the length of time members are elected to the Safety Committee and more specifics for the Sheriff's office that they alternate between the Deputies Association and the Supervisory Deputies Association. Ben added that Manager Brown reviewed the staff report and said that they need to be able to explain the increases in dollar amount approvals for the different positions within the County which Ben said he is prepared to do.

7. **Communication Summary [For Possible Action]. A review, discussion, and possible action based on the communication summary from Ben West for safety announcements to County personnel.**

Ben West said that since the last meeting, they had communication about parking lot safety during the Reno Rodeo and Hot August Nights events. They are moving forward with communication on knowing where AED's are located within their workplace as well as first aid kits. He stated that he would like to get a report of most reported injury claims by the next meeting so they can use it as guidance in employee messaging. Cathy Hill recommended more communications regarding the upcoming winter season.

8. **Award Nominations [For Possible Action]. A discussion and possible recommendations of safety award nominations for County employees.**

Cathy Hill thanked Ben West for handling the awards at the BCC meeting. Ben said the employees were surprised and excited to be getting the awards and some didn't even know the awards existed. That was an indication that there needs to be more messaging on the subject through the County Communications Team. Ben added that one employee received their award among their co-workers in their department rather than at the BCC meeting.

9. Committee Planning for 2023 [For Possible Action]. A discussion and possible action regarding activities, events, notifications, and projects to be accomplished in calendar year 2023.

Cathy Hill asked if anything went out regarding Street Vibrations and motorcycle safety. Ben West responded that they have sent communications out on Street Vibrations in the past and would be good to do that again. Ben confirmed that Street Vibrations is the last major event of the season.

Cathy inquired about Building B and if it had reopened yet. Ben said it was not open and not expected to reopen until the middle of October. Ben said he would double check the timing. Cathy asked the committee members if they thought it would be beneficial to reach out to Kevin Dick regarding COVID information since it is beginning to spike again and the upcoming flu season. Members agreed it would be good to send out a reminder.

10. Update on Safety Drills [For Possible Action]. A presentation and update by Ben West on County scheduled safety drills that have taken place since the last meeting and possible discussion of safety drills.

Ben West said there have been no new safety drills. He just got back from a security conference where he attended some trainings on doing table-top type exercises which can be used at certain locations for training in a very short amount of time. This is intended to be used by departments during a regular staff meeting by coming in and doing a 15-20 minute table-top exercise for shelter in place and active shooter types of training. Ben will be meeting with HR in the next couple of weeks to go over this and some other employee training related to workplace violence to try to integrate these table-top exercises in with HR messaging and HR on-line training. Initially, the plan is for Ben to go out and do the table-top trainings himself. And he hopes to have a monthly schedule set up for him to visit departments soon. He noted that he will continue to schedule safety drills moving forward.

Sgt. Lars Christiansen said they have at least two fire drills scheduled at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office focused on detention and fire between November and December and will have some updates on that towards the start of 2024. They are aiming for one of the drills to be on a larger scale and will report back on what they learned from it.

11. Announcements and Future Agendas [For Possible Action]. Comments by the Committee or staff members, limited to announcements, topics, or issues for future agendas. No discussion among committee members will take place on this item.

Cathy Hill stated that the Safety Committee meeting link is not a Teams link, therefore you cannot access the meeting through Teams and to please pay attention to the agenda and join the meetings via Zoom.

12. Public Comment [Non-Action Item]. Comments heard under this item will be limited to two minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Safety Committee agenda. However, action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on an agenda as an action item. Comments are to be made to the Safety Committee as a whole.

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment [Non-Action Item].

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.