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Local governments and authorities saving taxpayer resources through increased risk management preparation

- VML Insurance Programs highlights entities receiving five percent credit on insurance premiums after reaching 100 percent in Risk Management Guidelines assessment –

Richmond, VA – More than 90 member entities of VML Insurance Programs who scored 100 percent on their Risk Management Guidelines (RMG) assessments last year received a five percent credit on their 2010-2011 premiums, saving approximately \$1.4 million.

The RMG assessments review each entity's efforts at risk management, focusing on areas such as oversight, claims management, fleet safety, self-inspections, workshop and training attendance, safety awareness, and more.

"Our goal is to provide more to our members than just coverage," said Steve Craig, managing director of VML Insurance Programs. "We want to work with them to develop a strong loss prevention program and incentivize our members to utilize our training and workshops to strengthen those programs."

One way to incentivize stronger risk management programs is through the premium credit, which the company has offered to members since 2006.

"Today our members are facing increased budget pressures to do more with less, and by focusing on mitigating risks not only are they lowering claim costs, but also saving those financial resources by qualifying for the premium credit," said Craig.

This year 94 VML Insurance Programs pool members met the requirements, and are listed below:

- Alexandria City Schools
- Alexandria Sanitation Authority
- Altavista, Town of
- Amherst, Town of
- Appalachian Juvenile Commission
- Ashland, Town of
- Augusta County Service Authority
- Bedford County Public Service Authority
- Blacksburg VPI Sanitation Authority
- Bridgewater, Town of
- Bristol City Schools
- Brookneal, Town of
- Campbell County
- Chesapeake Airport Authority
- Chesapeake City Schools
- Chilhowie, Town of
- Covington, City of
- Culpeper County
- Culpeper, Town of
- Damascus, Town of
- Danville, City of
- Fairfax County Water Authority
- Fairfax, City of
- Farmville, Town of

- Fredericksburg, City of
- Glade Spring, Town of
- Gloucester County Schools
- Grayson County Department of Social Services
- Greater Richmond Transit Company
- Gretna, Town Of
- Grottoes, Town of
- Halifax, Town of
- Hanover County
- Hanover County Department of Social Services
- Hanover County Economic Development Authority
- Harrisonburg Rockingham Emergency Communications Center
- Harrisonburg, City of
- Harrisonburg-Rockingham Community Services Board
- Herndon, Town of
- Hopewell, City of
- Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe Co, Wytheville & Rural Retreat
- Lexington, City of
- Louisa County Water Authority
- Luray, Town of
- Lynchburg, City of
- Manassas Park City Schools
- Manassas, City of
- Marion, Town of
- Martinsville, City of
- Montross, Town of
- Mount Jackson, Town of
- New River Resource Authority
- New River Valley Juvenile Detention Center
- Newport News Industrial Development Authority/Economic Development Authority
- Northern VA Criminal Justice Training Academy
- Pennington Gap, Town of
- Pepper's Ferry Wastewater Authority
- Petersburg City Schools
- Petersburg, City of
- Poquoson City Schools
- Prince George County Schools
- Prince William County Schools
- Prince William County Service Authority
- Radford, City of
- Rappahannock Area Community Services Board
- Rappahannock Juvenile Center
- Richmond Ambulance Authority
- Richmond Metropolitan Authority
- Rockbridge Area Community Services Board
- Salem, City of
- Smithfield, Town of
- Southeastern Cooperative Educational Program
- Southwest Virginia Transit Management Company
- Spotsylvania County Schools
- Stafford County Schools
- Staunton, City of
- Sussex Service Authority
- Upper Occoquan Service Authority
- Vienna, Town of
- Vinton, Town of
- Virginia Beach City Schools
- Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail Authority
- Virginia's Region 2000 Services Authority
- Warsaw, Town of
- Waverly, Town of
- Western Virginia Water Authority
- Williamsburg, City of
- Winchester, City of
- Woodstock, Town of
- Wytheville, Town of
- York County
- York County Schools

VML Insurance Programs is administered by the Virginia Municipal League. This nonprofit group self insurance program provides automobile, property, liability and workers' compensation coverage to more than 460 local political subdivisions across Virginia. For 30 years VML Insurance Programs has provided pool members with superior financial stability and effective risk management services. For more information visit: www.vmlins.org.

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