



VRSA

Virginia Risk Sharing Association



Law Enforcement Services

Litigation against law enforcement continues to increase. As a result, the monetary costs associated with litigation also increases. An effective risk management program can aid in identifying potential risk and liability exposures and with identifying policy areas that could lead to litigation, citizen complaints, and liability claims. The Virginia Risk Sharing Association (VRSA) provides law enforcement consultative services to members with public officials liability coverage to assist in mitigation of law enforcement liability exposure.

Consultative services include:

- Technical assistance for law enforcement;
- Liability training;
- Below 100 program training
- In-class driver training;
- Loss and injury analysis;
- Policy review and assistance; and
- Assistance developing fitness/wellness programs.

Benefits

- **Risk Management Services:** Loss control and risk management services specific to law enforcement are available to members, including on-site risk assessment and consultative services, free training opportunities, safety grants, access to sample policies, and more.
- **VRSA Public Safety Academy:** VRSA's Public Safety Academy, provided through LocalGovU, provides web-based training recognized by Virginia and eligible for accreditation based on local law enforcement academy approval.
- **Law Enforcement Liability Coverage:** Protects law enforcement personnel from lawsuits arising from alleged wrongful acts, such as use of excessive force and other civil rights violations. This coverage provides defense costs as well as payment of damages. Typical limits are \$1 million per occurrence. Higher limits are available.
- **Canine Property Coverage:** Covers replacement cost for canines when they are killed performing specific law enforcement functions, as well as veterinary treatment for injuries whenever the injury is the result of any law enforcement operation. It also provides payment for the loss of a covered canine for theft or attempted theft when there are visible signs of forced entry. This coverage is limited to \$10,000 per occurrence.
- **Law Enforcement Liability Consulting:** Members purchasing Law Enforcement Liability Coverage receive the benefit of our public safety specialist who can assist in the development and maintenance of policies and procedures applicable to law enforcement agencies.
- **Law Enforcement Sample Policies:** Sample policies on topics such as emergency response driving and use of force are available for members purchasing law enforcement liability coverage.



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