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Amy Larson, Risk Manager, City of Bloomington

Session: It's More Than Just Buying Insurance

Amy has been the Risk Manager for the City of Bloomington, MN for more than 24 years, including the past 14 years as the risk and litigation manager. She is responsible for the overall planning, management, administration, organization, and coordination of the city's risk management program; involved in the review and negotiation of city contracts; and litigation management.

Amy is a licensed attorney in the state of Minnesota and a frequent presenter for many PRIMA events, including the PRIMA Institute, the Annual Conference, and the Speaker's Bureau.

Amy is the current Chair of the PRIMA Institute and has been actively involved with PRIMA Institute since 2013. She's been a PRIMA member since 2000 and has served on numerous committees and task forces, including the PRIMA Board of Directors from 2012 to 2019 and as PRIMA President from 2017 to 2018. She's also active in the Minnesota PRIMA Chapter and currently serves as its Past President.



Audrey DeWittie, Strategy and Special Projects Officer, Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM)

Session: Building Resilience: Lessons from Disaster Response and Recovery

Audrey DeWittie has more than a decade of full-time experience in emergency management. She began her career with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2013, where she deployed nationwide in response to hurricanes, winter storms, floods, wildfires, earthquakes, and tornadoes. She concluded her federal service as an Infrastructure Branch Director on disaster recovery operations.

Driven by a commitment to support communities at both local and state levels, Audrey now serves as the Strategy and Special Projects Officer with the Oregon Department of Emergency Management. In this role, she partners with emergency managers across Oregon to strengthen disaster recovery efforts and build resilience before and after disasters.



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Jason Jantzi, Senior Risk Management Consultant, Special Districts Association of Oregon

Session: Building Resilience: Lessons from Disaster Response and Recovery

Jason Jantzi serves as the primary risk management consultant for public safety agencies at the Special Districts Association of Oregon. In this role, he works directly with fire districts, law enforcement, and emergency services to conduct risk assessments, deliver safety and liability training, and ensure compliance across safety and operational programs.

Jason is the architect behind several key tools used statewide, including the SDIS Loss Control Program Toolkit and the Fire District Risk Management Self-Assessment, which helps agencies evaluate risk from governance to operations. His leadership in public safety has been recognized with multiple honors, including an honorary director position from the Oregon Fire Chief's Association (OFCA), a meritorious service award for work on the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Health and Safety Collaborative, and the President's Award from the Oregon Fire District Directors Association (OFDDA) for his work on pandemic response guidance.

A former firefighter and EMT-Intermediate, Jason is a certified peer counselor through the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation and is deeply committed to supporting the health and resilience of public safety professionals. He also advises the National Special Districts Association on regulatory issues and participates with the Oregon Governor's Fire Service Policy Council.

Prior to SDAO, Jason led public education and compliance initiatives at Oregon OSHA, bringing a wealth of experience in fire, construction, and industrial safety to his mission of helping public safety agencies build world-class risk management programs.



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Juan Benavidez, Emergency Management Specialist, Salem Keizer Public Schools

Session: Multi-agency Coordination in Active Threat Response: How to Build Effective Partnerships Between K-12 and First Responders

As the Emergency Manager for Salem-Keizer Public Schools (SKPS), Juan leads district-wide efforts to keep more than 40,000 students and staff safe across 60+ schools and facilities. Juan's work focuses on emergency planning, coordination with local agencies, and ensuring schools are prepared to respond to crises ranging from natural disasters to security threats.

Juan oversees training, drills, and communication systems to build a strong culture of safety and resilience. Collaboration with school staff, parents, and community partners is central to his approach, helping ensure every site can respond quickly and effectively.

Juan holds a Bachelor's in Justice Studies from Grand Canyon University. Outside of work, he has been married for 13 years and is the proud father of three daughters.



Katerina Wolfe, Attorney, SBH Legal

Session: Oregon 2025 Case Law Update

Kat joined SBH Legal in 2022 and currently represents Oregon employers and insurers in workers' compensation and related employment defense matters. Before joining the firm, Kat practiced with another defense firm specializing in Oregon workers' compensation litigation.

Born in California, Kat was raised in Buffalo, New York. After graduating from law school, Kat moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, where she began her career in workers' compensation. Kat's experience in claims varies, having worked with a firm representing claimants, then as a claims examiner for multiple jurisdictions. She relocated to Portland, Oregon with her family in 2016. Kat is now happily practicing workers' compensation defense in her new favorite home state.



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Katie Durfee, Risk Management Consultant, City County Insurance Services

Session: Building Resilience: Lessons from Disaster Response and Recovery

CIS Sr. Risk and Emergency Management Consultant Katie Durfee has worked in local government and public risk pooling for over nineteen years. Her primary area of focus is providing consulting on emergency management, safety issues, as well as drones.

Before joining CIS, Katie was with the City of Oregon City, Oregon for two years and served as Chief Deputy County Clerk for Valley County, Idaho for over nine years overseeing risk management and emergency preparedness efforts.

Katie presently serves as the immediate Past President for the Oregon Chapter of PRIMA and has also previously served as the president for the Idaho Chapter of PRIMA, as well as participated on several National PRIMA committees, including the Leadership Development Committee.

Katie's education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resource Management from Colorado Technical University and a FEMA Finance Section Chief designation. She's also completed the Oregon City/County Management Association-sponsored NW Women's Leadership Development Academy (NWWLA).



Kent Rice, Senior Safety Management Consultant, SAIF Corporation

Session: Building a Better Safety Culture Utilizing SAIF's Ansbrosio Safety Culture Spectrum

Kent is a Senior Safety Management Consultant at SAIF Corporation. He is an active member of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) and is the current Bylaw Chair for the ASSP Broken Top Chapter in Central Oregon.

In 2020, Kent completed a thirty-year operational career with UPS where he held several leadership positions and was instrumental in training supervisors and employees in safe work methods. He is a Master Driver Safety Trainer (MDST) and Master Employee Safety Trainer (MEST). He finished his UPS career as the Central Oregon



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Director of Operations. During that same year he became the Director of Safety at Digitalpath Telecommunications in Northern California. Since 2022, he has been working as a safety consultant throughout the State of Oregon.



Luke Betts (CSP, ARM-E, ASP, AIS), Senior Safety Management Consultant, SAIF Corporation

Session: Building a Better Safety Culture Utilizing SAIF's Ansbro Safety Culture Spectrum

Every workplace has a safety culture. Some companies have a culture that is comprehensive, where safety is integrated into all aspects of the business. Others may have a culture where they react to situations, making changes only once an injury occurs. It can be difficult to measure where your culture is.

In this session, participants are introduced to SAIF's Ansbro Safety Culture Spectrum. This spectrum provides six critical components for you to assess your organization's current culture, determine where it falls on the scale between reactive and comprehensive, and then learn key strategies that help you continually improve.



Patty Mulvihill, Executive Director, League of Oregon Cities

Session: High Functioning Local Governments

Patty Mulvihill is the Executive Director of the League of Oregon Cities (LOC). The LOC represents Oregon's 241 cities in the legislature and courts, while simultaneously helping local government officials obtain needed training and secure access to municipal best practices.

Prior to becoming the Executive Director in December of 2022, Ms. Mulvihill was the LOC's General Counsel, a position which saw her provide legal advice to city officials across Oregon and provide numerous trainings to both elected officials and city staff. Before joining the LOC, Ms. Mulvihill was an in-house attorney for the city of Bloomington, Indiana.



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Scott McNea, Vice President, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.

Session: Innovative Solutions for the Public Workforce Crisis

Scott McNea is a seasoned insurance broker with over 18 years of experience in commercial property and casualty insurance. He manages a multi-million-dollar portfolio for public entities, specializing in complex property placements, utilities, water systems, and power generation. His expertise spans higher education, healthcare, real estate, and critical infrastructure.

Known for his strategic risk management approach and ethical leadership, Scott holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at San Antonio. He is a certified boiler inspector, licensed in all fifty states, devoted family man, and an Eagle Scout.



**Sharon Harris, Senior Consultant HR & Organizational Development,
City County Insurance Services**

Session: Employee Performance: How to Have Effective Conversations

Sharon Harris Senior Consultant HR & Organizational Development
Sharon Harris joined CIS (City/County Insurance Services) as a Senior Human Resource Consultant in 2014 and has had the opportunity to do what she loves the best - focusing on employment training and general human resources consulting for CIS Pool members and other public sector organizations.

Before joining CIS, Sharon was with the City of Redmond, Oregon holding positions of human resources/risk management director, assistant city manager, and interim city manager.

Sharon was very active, serving for 12 years on the Board of OR-PRIMA, but it has been her involvement with National PRIMA both as a conference attendee (23 times!) and by finding ways to get involved by serving three years on the National PRIMA Leadership Development Committee and as a speaker on various topics both at the National PRIMA conference and PRIMA Podcast that have enriched her risk management career.

In addition to Sharon's formal college education, Sharon holds Senior Certified Professional designations through both the Public Sector Human Resource Association (PSHRA-SCP) and the Society for Human



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Resources Management (SHRM-SCP). In her spare time Sharon volunteers as a small claims court appointed Mediator with Deschutes County, Oregon.



Steve Simon, Senior Risk Control Manager, Safety National

Session: Walk This Way: Rethinking STF Prevention Through Tribology

Steven joined Safety National in 2021 as a Senior Risk Control Manager. Prior to joining Safety National, Steven worked as a Risk Control Service Director for a large commercial insurance carrier. Additionally, he worked as a Risk Manager for a private industry overseeing the workers' compensation, general liability, and auto/fleet programs.



Tim Clarke, MLS, CPCU, AIC, Senior Vice President Claims & Risk Management, Brown & Brown Insurance

Session: Happiness, Leadership and Safety in the Workplace

Tim has been an executive in insurance, claims, and risk management for 35 years. He was the principal executive in charge of insurance claims operations in thirty-four claims offices. Tim currently oversees the claims & risk services for Brown & Brown of Oregon, providing consulting services to a broad spectrum of customers and helps them to position themselves to successfully manage their teams and risks.

Tim is a graduate from Portland State University School of Business and received his graduate degree from Sandra Day O'Connor's School of Law at Arizona State University where he obtained his Master of Legal Studies.

Professional Designations and Licenses:

- Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter, American Institute of AICPCU/AII
- Associate degree in Insurance Claims, American Institute of AICPCU/AII
- Licensed Agent and Consultant in OR
- Licensed Agent in WA, CA & NV



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Tim Eggebraaten, Retired Chief of Police and Founder of Off Duty Chief, LLC. (Keynote Speaker)

Session: Finding Your Beat, The Rhythm of Life

Tim served as a police officer with the Detroit Lakes, Minnesota Police Department from 1992 to 2016, holding roles including DARE Instructor, Patrol Sergeant, K-9 Handler, and Chief of Police. Before that, he worked as a correctional officer for three years.

Since retiring, Tim has shared his leadership journey, focusing on balancing career and family while maintaining physical, mental, and spiritual health. His talks address personal and emotional challenges, fostering connection and healing. Tim inspires others to embrace resilience and positivity, showing that no one is alone in their journey toward growth and well-being.



Tim Kolgen, Director of Valuation, Willis Towers Watson

Session: Getting the Most from Your Property Coverage—The Value of Accurate Valuations

Tim is the Director and subject matter expert for WTW's Risk & Analytics Valuation Practice.

Tim has 20+ years in the insurance valuation industry both as a field appraiser and in business development. Tim is well versed in the valuation of buildings and structures, machinery & equipment, as well as other fixed assets. He has helped clients customize insurance valuation programs across many industries including governmental risk pools States, municipalities, special districts, counties, school districts, higher education, hospitality, gaming, real estate, and life sciences, healthcare, and many more.



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Tony Brace (CPE, CIH), Ergonomist and Industrial Hygienist, SAIF Corporation

Session: Human Error and Accidents: Why Do We Make Wrong Decisions That Cause Harm?

Tony Brace has been a Certified Professional Ergonomist since 2005 and a Certified Industrial Hygienist since 2015. Over the past 20 years he has worked as an ergonomist for companies such as Intel, Whirlpool, and Boeing. His primary focus areas are on ergonomic program development, solving complex exposures, and making a business case for ergonomic improvements using productivity and quality measures.



Twane Duckworth (J.D., MS-RMI, ARM, CIC), Public Entity and Education Practice Division Leader, Willis Towers Watson

Session: Getting the Most from Your Property Coverage—The Value of Accurate Valuations

Twane has been a dedicated public servant with over 17 years of municipal government practice. During that time, he served in a legal capacity as an Assistant Attorney General for the District of Columbia and Assistant General Counsel for the City of Jacksonville before transitioning into risk management.

As an insurance professional, he operated as the Chief of Risk Management for the City of Jacksonville from 2012 to 2020. He continued his risk career by transitioning to the City of Garland, Texas as a Managing Director of Risk Management until 2022.

Twane's experience profile notably includes familiarity with handling large, complex claims including navigating three separate hurricane claims for substantial waterfront property damage to the City of Jacksonville across a \$10 million primary layer of a \$400M property limit layered program. Twane also managed another multi-million property damage power plant loss with environmental exposure for the City of Garland. It is this specialized experience that he brings every client engagement to facilitate insightful strategy when developing a successful risk management program.

Twane is a staunch proponent of education and began his collegiate



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education by obtaining a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Florida Memorial University. He most recently obtained his Chief Risk Officer certification from George Mason University. He also holds a Master of Science in Risk Management and Insurance from Florida State University and a law degree from Georgetown University. He continues to reinforce his degrees with professional certifications including insurance designations as a Certified Insurance Counselor from the National Alliance and an Associate in Risk Management from the Institutes.