Rising Construction Costs Raise Replacement Values

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Expensive to repair or replace

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SHARP INCREASES IN commodity and raw material prices amid tight supply have driven up prices for materials like iron ore and steel. “Iron ore prices have risen up 40% to 50% since last year. Now, prices are moving that much a month,” states Rhyner.

After a hearty breakfast, the conference opens with meetings of the Finance Committee, followed by a keynote presentation. “How to Build a Better You” will be presented by Bryan Dodge, founder of Bryan Dodge Consulting. The game plan is this: to pack the colors of their profession into the game plan, turn their way through shady aces and kings, and come out victors.

Building a Better You

“Building a Better You” is the keynote address at the 2008 Annual Meeting. Bryan Dodge hosts a weekly radio show in Dallas, focusing on personal and professional development, success habits and leadership principles. “Building a Better You” will provide plenty of networking opportunities and will serve as a motivating point to learn and change for the better.

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The 2008 MMRMA Annual Meeting will once again give attendees the chance to reconnect with the entire MMRMA team.

After a short break, a team of MMRMA members, moderated by Lane G. Bender, Ph.D., former director of the Center for Governmental Research at Central Michigan University, will discuss the fact and fiction of critical incident response as a leadership tool and set up real-world training aiming for emergency results.

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Whether your planner is a golfer, sailing, or hanging at the beach, you’ll find it at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa.

EMS Training

The conference’s training seminar is a must for every municipal community with EMS, police and fire teams. Former FD Special Agent Victor McNally will talk for 3 1/2 years of experience in municipal EMS and critical incident response as a leadership tool and set up real-world training aiming for emergency results.

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In high-speed police pursuits, when does protection of public safety outweigh the costs of catching the suspect? Depending on the situation, saving a life and property damage may outweigh the benefit of catching the offender in the first place vs. allowing the suspect to escape and potentially cause more harm in the future. Many factors influence the decision, but choosing to chase the suspect may mean taking additional time to carefully weigh the pros and cons. This is a situation that requires logical actions and favorable risk/benefit analysis. Third Law of Motion: “For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.” This example represents a small sampling of the challenges facing the police in our daily work. In some instances, the decision has been made and the suspect escapes, leaving the officer to continue the pursuit. In an instant, the officer must decide if it’s “too late to stop.” Many factors influence this decision as officers drive into the territory of a neighborhood or children nearby. What will happen to traffic and road conditions? The risk is too high. Many or only a few? Is this a duplication of effort or a waste of resources? What’s the weather? Traffic conditions? The decision must be made: “Do I make the arrest?” or do I let the suspect escape? Instead, the offender takes flight. There are no right answers. Instead, the offender escapes or takes flight. There are also no wrong answers.

Risk/benefit analysis is a logical approach to solving serious dilemmas: — the need for risk management programs to capture risk and control advisory committees. Together, they assist the Board of Directors, Executive Director, and staff in developing and implementing MMRMA’s valuable programs and services.

The new policy also outlines the appointment process for committee members from among officers of MMRMA’s member entities. MMRMA’s mission is to provide a comprehensive plan for moving forward, and the ongoing success depends upon the participation and contributions of these enthusiastic individuals.

MMRMA thanks the following for their service on the organization’s various committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance Committee
Jack Lohman, Livingston County (Chair)
Dean Buirley, Grand Traverse County
Scott Buhler, City of Grand Rapids
Robert Klein, Calhoun County
Fabian Schottly, Mason County
Kate Ogg, City of Detroit
Michael Miller, City of Traverse City

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Mary Anderson, Newaygo County Community Health
Jim Bolen, City of Grand Rapids
Jean Bowen, Manistee County Mental Health
Bonnie Amato, Charlevoix County
Sandra Mahon, City of Grand Rapids
Pamela Nicholson, Highland Township

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Kathy Verbeek, City of Muskegon (Chair)
Mary Anderson, Newaygo County Community Mental Health
Marty Mason, Manistee County
Gabe Monette, City of Great Falls
Mandie Mahaffey, Charlevoix County

Upper Peninsula

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