



New Liability Operating Memorandum Requires Commercial Liability Insurance for Fair Promoted Hazardous Events

If your fair is a member of CFSA's general liability pool and if you're planning to promote any motorized or rodeo events in the future, you'll want to carefully read the Insurance Alert and General Liability

Operating Memorandum #05-01 sent to you earlier this week by CFSA. In a nutshell, beginning January 1, 2005, you must have commercial general liability coverage for any motorized or rodeo events your fair promotes.

In recent years, as more and more fairs began self- and co-promoting events previously provided by outside contractors, CFSA became aware that some fairs were promoting motorized and rodeo events without purchasing the commercial general liability coverage required of outside promoters for these same hazardous events.

A survey taken by CFSA in 2003 confirmed these findings: approximately 4 percent of the motorized events and 15 percent of the rodeos promoted by liability pool member fairs didn't have commercial coverage. In all, a total of 26 uncovered rodeos were reported by 16 fairs and 48 uncovered motorized events were reported by 30 fairs.

By requiring commercial coverage, CFSA is able to transfer

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CARF Hires a Spanish Language Announcer for Big Fresno Fair's October Horse Racing Simulcasts

Horse racing aficionados at Big Fresno Fair meet simulcasts were hearing things — with the California Authority of Racing Fairs' (CARF) hiring of George Ortuzar, a Spanish language announcer, simulcast outlets had the option of broadcasting Fresno's races in Spanish as well as English.

Ortuzar, currently the promotions manager at Hollywood Park, has a long history at Florida's premier racetracks, along with 10 years' of television experience hosting shows for Univision, including co-hosting Spanish Candid Camera, "Lente Loco."

"We are pleased to introduce George as the Spanish voice

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Let's Go to the Fair! 2004 Total Paid Fair Attendance

Warm days and cool evenings, crowd-drawing entertainment, and strong publicity and media support were just a few of the reasons given for high turnouts at this year's fairs. On the other hand, competition for visitors came in the guise of high school graduations, rain and community events.

Out of 25 fairs reporting in, 15 enjoyed increased attendance over their 2003 tallies. Here's how '04 adds up so far:

- 2004:** 3,739,557 visitors
- 2003:** 3,331,667 visitors
- Up:** 407,890 visitors
- Overall:** +12.24%

Update CFSA Board Election

2004 is an election year for CFSA too. The terms of three elected CFSA directors will expire on December 31: Rebecca Desmond, representing Fair Classes 1-2; Becky Bailey-Findley, representing Classes 3-7; and Ed Scofield, the board's at-large member.

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Workers' Comp Program Claim Filing Reminder: Report the Injured Employee's Earnings

When turning in any Workers' Compensation claims for "lost time" to CFSA, remember that if the injured employee earns less than \$1,092 a week,* you must also report his or her earnings to Patti Nevin, CFSA's workers' compensation administrator.

Patti notes that she usually asks for one year's worth of

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Purchasing Services Notes

For information or to purchase any of the following items, please contact Karen Galloway, CFSA's purchasing agent, at 916/263-6191.

Ricoh Color Laser Printer

Purchasing Services has obtained special pricing on the Ricoh Aficio CL2000N high

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All things change, and we change with them.

~ Latin Proverb



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"Keep changing. When you're through changing, you're through."

~ Bruce Barton

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the liability for any accidents to the insurance carriers — carriers that specialize in these types of events. This ability to transfer risk, says Charlie Mitchell, CFSA's risk manager, is one of the ways CFSA keeps the fairs' annual liability pool rates relatively stable.

CFSA Now Offers a Hazardous Special Events Program

This year, based on interest from member fairs, CFSA launched a new Hazardous Special Events Program. This joint purchase program, which is available to all California fairs, offers commercial liability insurance coverage specifically for fair promoted motorized and rodeo events, and may be purchased on a by-event basis. (Note: if a contractor is providing the required liability insurance coverage for an event, the fair doesn't have to purchase additional coverage.)

During the 2004 fair season, 12 member fairs used this new program to cover 17 motorized events (mostly destruction derbies), and 12 member fairs covered 18 rodeos and eight horse shows. In January 2005, CFSA will send out a questionnaire to gather information on 2005 events to be covered through the Hazardous Special Events Program.

If you have trouble obtaining the required commercial general liability insurance for your hazardous events or if you'd like to know more about the Hazardous Special Events Program, please contact Lianne Lewellen at 916/263-6145, or Charlie Mitchell at 916/263-6150.

California Authority of Racing Fairs, continued

of the Fresno Fair meet," said Christopher Korby, executive director of CARF. "We look forward to serving the Spanish language community. We want to reach out to this large and growing segment of our simulcast market, both in the United States and abroad."

Coming in the November fyi: a recap of the 2004 summer fair horse racing season.



Workers' Compensation, continued

earnings, plus all earnings during the year of the injury. For example, if someone is injured on October 15, 2004, she asks that you include all earnings for 2003 and for 2004 up to the date of the injury. This way she has an idea of average weekly earnings, information the Workers' Compensation law requires.

Questions? Contact Patti at 916/263-6172.

* On January 1, 2005, this amount increases to \$1,260/week.

CFSA Board Elections, continued

The process of filling these seats began in September when a Notice of Election was sent to all CFSA member fair boards. This Notice asked the boards to confirm their current elector or to appoint a new one (an elector is a fair manager or fair board member authorized by his or her fair's board to vote on the fair's behalf).

The next step is for Ed Scofield, the board's current chair, to form and chair a nominating committee. Board nominees are selected from the list of eligible electors. If you are an elector interested in running for a board seat, please let Ed know at 530/273-6217 prior to November 1, 2004.

Once the nominations are made, ballots will be mailed to all electors by November 12. The electors then have 14 days to vote. Election results will be announced in December's *fyi*.

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speed color laser printer. The printer is priced at \$699.99 (regularly \$879.99) through October 31, 2004. And there's no freight charge!

Taylor-Dunn Electric Utility Carts/Burden Carriers

Nimble, electric utility carts with flatbeds are a great addition to every maintenance crew and a great way to get the job done while saving on fuel costs.

These new carts have a load capacity beginning at 2,400 pounds and a towing capacity of 8,400 pounds or more depending on the model. When purchased through Purchasing Services, the carts start at \$5,800.

2005 Calendars

With only a few months left in the year, it's time to order your 2005 calendars.

Updated Workers' Compensation Poster

It's the law: As of July 1, 2004, employers are required to post the updated "Workers' Compensation" poster over the outdated poster located in the lower left hand corner of the larger "Employee 2004," Right to Know poster. This update reflects important changes in California's workers' compensation laws.

Copies of the updated poster are available in both English and Spanish, online at: www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/NoticePoster.pdf.

To access and print the poster, you'll need Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer. If you don't already have it, you can download it for free from the Adobe Web site: www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html.

