

## What's this?

DVPLT and DVWCT members self-initiate creative solutions to public entity risk management challenges. Solutions can range from simple procedural changes to major paradigm shifts. These changes share common objectives – reduce the risk of employee injuries/illnesses, property/liability losses or improve employee health and wellness.



In an effort to encourage and reward such inventiveness, the Trusts offer a **Risk Management Innovation Award** program.

## How does it work?

Beginning each calendar year, DVPLT and DVWCT members may nominate themselves or other members by completing and returning the attached form to the Risk Control Department. At the end of the calendar year, Risk Control and the Trust Executive Director review all applications and select one or more winners in each of the following categories:

Innovation	Awarded to a member who has made the best use of new technology/equipment to successfully address a significant risk management concern.
Teamwork	Awarded to a member who has best used a team or working group to solve a significant risk management challenge.
Turnaround	Awarded to a member who has identified a risk management challenge and through innovation has accomplished a significant improvement in risk management performance.

All winners receive (1) an engraved recognition plaque, (2) catered lunch for the members of the project team, work group or department, and (3) a grant of \$1,000 to offset the costs of their risk management innovation.

## Innovations that have won in the past:

- 2024 – Green warning lights for public works trucks (Whitemarsh Twp.)
- 2023 - Home-brewed damage-resistant vehicle camera mounts (Lower Salford Twp.)
- 2022 – Sewer Line Rapid Assessment Tool (Upper Merion Twp.)
- 2021 - Use of Blueprint and HAAS Alert for patrol fleet (Falls Twp.)
- 2020 – Public works department training incentive program (Lower Makefield Twp.)
- 2019 – Lone worker protection program (Lehigh County Auth.)
- 2018 – Incorporation of security elements into new administration building (Limerick Twp.)
- 2017 – Comprehensive employee wellness awareness and improvement plan (West Whiteland Twp.)
- 2016 – Home-grown, collaborative safety manual (Doylestown Twp.)
- 2015 – Conversion of underutilized space into multi-purpose training/situation room (Horsham Twp.)
- 2014 – Deployment of network fleet management system (Lehigh County Auth.)
- 2013 – Deployment of trailer crash attenuator (Falls Twp.)
- 2012 – Bleacher upgrade and recycling program (Hatfield Twp.)
- 2011 – Competency-based law enforcement risk management program (Upper Uwchlan Twp.)

## Who should I contact for more information?

For questions, contact the Trust's Risk Control Department:

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# Risk Management Innovation Award

## DVPLT and DVWCT *Risk Management Innovation Award* Nomination Form

Entity Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact for RM Innovation: \_\_\_\_\_

Competition Category (Check One)

Innovation

Teamwork

Turnaround

Name of Risk Management Innovation:

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Describe the nature of the risk management innovation:

Describe how the risk management innovation has reduced the frequency or severity covered losses or enhanced employee health and wellness:

Print Name of Person Making Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit nomination form by December 31 of each year.**

**Return completed form: By email: [perndwein@dvtrusts.com](mailto:perndwein@dvtrusts.com)**

**By fax: 215-706-0895**