Worker's Compensation Fund pays $1 million in dividends to its member counties in 2016

The Association of Arkansas Counties Workers' Compensation Trust is proud to announce that for the 20th straight year dividends will be returned to all participating counties. The 2016 dividend is declared based on 2012 premiums paid and losses incurred. This brings the total dividends paid over the last 20 years to $26,698,953.

AAC Workers' Compensation Trust Group Manager Chris Villines recommended the $1,000,000 dividend to the board of trustees at its June meeting. Checks were issued in July.

"There are several reasons that we are able to continue returning such large sums to the counties," Villines said. "Our staff is excellent and efficient and the counties of Arkansas work hard to minimize risks at home. I cannot compliment our Risk Management and Insurance Director Debbie Norman enough. She has an incredible responsibility and handles it wonderfully. The Workers' Comp staff is equally adept. Debbie Lakey, Kim Nash, Barry Burkett, Renee Turner and Kim Mitchell do an excellent job."

AAC Risk Management and Insurance Director Debbie Norman said, "From inception to today, this program has performed beyond expectations. It has always been our goal to reward counties with dividends, and this is the 19th straight year that successful management of the program and the commitment to safety in our counties has allowed it to occur."

AAC, along with county officials from around the state, created the AAC Workers' Compensation Trust in 1985 — a plan to pool resources and form a self-funded, county-owned trust to provide premium Workers' Compensation coverage at a savings to members. The AAC Workers' Compensation Trust is fully regulated by the State of Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission. Current trustees are Judy Beth Hutcherson, Clark County Treasurer; Debbie Wise, Randolph County Circuit Clerk; Debra Buckner, Pulaski County Treasurer; Jim Keasler, Lee County Judge; and Joe Gillenwater, Miller County Justice of the Peace.

Here are the formulaic dividend amounts per county as approved by the AAC/WCT board:

Arkansas County	$4,722
Ashley County	$13,822
Baxter County	$16,020
Benton County	$23,103
Boone County	$12,602
Bradley County	$8,528
Calhoun County	$7,561
Carroll County	$12,988
Chicot County	$6,779
Clark County	$10,459
Clay County	$7,726
Cleburne County	$8,776
Cleveland County	$6,989
Columbia County	$13,214
Conway County	$14,608
Craighead County	$31,947
Crawford County	$17,547
Crittenden County	$17,590
Cross County	$9,654
Dallas County	$8,576
Desha County	$5,336
Drew County	$8,873
Faulkner County	$30,122
Franklin County	$3,929
Fulton County	$6,597
Garland County	$34,663
Grant County	$8,766
Greene County	$11,369
Hempstead County	$13,031
Hot Spring County	$12,354
Howard County	$8,613
Independence County	$25,025
Izard County	$8,397
Jackson County	$7,028
Jefferson County	$27,909
Johnson County	$8,954
Lafayette County	$8,607
Lawrence County	$7,436
Lee County	$5,668
Lincoln County	$5,673
Little River County	$4,186
Logan County	$11,379
Lonoke County	$12,065
Madison County	$15,449
Marion County	$11,551
Miller County	$15,349
Mississippi County	$19,731
Monroe County	$5,779
Montgomery County	$11,177
Nevada County	$7,236
Newton County	$3,447
Perry County	$6,670
Phillips County	$10,048
Pike County	$8,343
Poinsett County	$7,471
Polk County	$11,115
Pope County	$19,136
Prairie County	$5,806
Pulaski County	$80,291
Randolph County	$10,733
Saline County	$32,861
Scott County	$6,558
Searcy County	$10,238
Sebastian County	$25,277
Sevier County	$6,608
Sharp County	$500
St. Francis County	$4,078
Stone County	$8,525
Union County	$19,604
Van Buren County	$20,251
Washington County	$58,284
White County	$6,629
Woodruff County	$5,904
Yell County	$16,160

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