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Hon. Debbie Wood, Chambers County, President

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TO: County Administrators and Sheriffs
FROM: Henry van Arcken, Director of Insurance Services 
DATE: March 10, 2014
RE: Reimbursement for Jail Management and Skid-Car Training

Jail Management Training

The ACCA Liability Self-Insurance Fund, Inc. manages dozens of law suits each year involving county jails. Jails, by their nature, are difficult places to manage and work in. The Fund expends hundreds of thousands of dollars each year defending jail-related law suits and in many instances paying damages resulting from such law suits.

In an effort to reduce the number of jail-related law suits and damage payments, the Fund's Board of Trustees agreed several years ago to reimburse county commissions or sheriffs for a portion of the costs associated with county corrections officers attending certified jail management training courses.

Many county commissions or sheriffs have participated in this reimbursement program.

The Trustees discussed the program at a recent meeting and agreed that it should be continued. The following are guidelines for participation.

1. Only those counties participating in the ACCA Liability Self-Insurance Fund, Inc. are eligible to receive costs reimbursements.
2. Reimbursement is for the amount of course tuition only, not to exceed \$285. Reimbursement amount may be adjusted in the future.
3. A request for reimbursement must be accompanied by a copy of a certification of completion issued by a POST certified organization or institution.
4. Reimbursement will be made only once per individual.

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5. A request for reimbursement must include a statement indicating the agency or source of funds (county commission, sheriff's department, etc...) from which the tuition was originally paid. The request for reimbursement must also include a receipt of payment from the training organization or institution.
6. Each county is limited in the number of reimbursements it may receive in a fiscal year (October – September) according to the following population-based schedule.

<u>Population</u>	<u>Number of Reimbursements per Year</u>
80,000 and above	12
50,000 to 79,999	8
49,999 and below	6

Skid-Car Training

All counties have from time-to-time experienced situations under which their employees have been involved in vehicular accidents while on the job. Such accidents may result in liability and/or workers compensation claims. The Board of Trustees for the ACCA Liability Self-Insurance Fund, Inc. and the ACCA Workers Compensation Self-Insurers Fund agreed to participate in a program to reimburse county commission or sheriff's department employees for a portion of the costs associated with skid-car training.

The same guidelines listed above for the reimbursement of jail training apply with the exception that the training course does not have to be POST certified. A county must be a participant in either of the two ACCA insurance programs in order to qualify for skid-car training reimbursement. The current reimbursement rate is \$110.

If you have questions concerning this reimbursement program please feel free to contact Henry van Arcken, ACCA's Director of Insurance Services at 334-263-7594 or hvanarcken@alabamacounties.org.

NOTE: Reimbursements will not be made for any training costs incurred prior to the current fiscal year.