

Human Resources Update

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Lake County's Mission

Deliver exceptional, financially and environmentally responsive/responsible services that promote a safe, affordable, healthy, and resilient community.



Department Overview

Primary functions and tasks

- Labor Relations
- Benefits Administration
- Risk Identification
- Loss Prevention & Control
- Claims Administration
- Merit Commission
- Payroll
- Recruitment & Relations
- Organizational Development
- Employee Relations
- Staffing
 - 18 Full-time employees
- Total departmental budget for FY20
 - \$10,044,613 (General Fund/Risk & Liability Fund)



Previous 12 Months

- 457 Plan transition
- Negotiated contract settlements with:
 - Local 150 Department of Transportation
 - Local 150 Public Works
 - Teamsters Local 700 Court Security
- Personnel policy updates:
 - Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplace
 - Diversity & Inclusion Policy
 - Vacation & Sick Pay
 - Furlough Policy
 - Reduction in Force



Previous 12 Months

 In the area of loss control, saw a decline of 5% in worker's compensation claims

- Consolidated operations to the Waukegan Campus
- As a Department, have undergone several personnel changes in the form of 2 retirements and 3 resignations



- In the area of Labor Relations:
 - Reach a settlement with Teamsters Local 700 representing Correctional Officers
 - Negotiate successor agreements with:
 - MAP 282 Sergeants
 - MAP 282 Lieutenants
 - Local 150 Facilities
 - Local 150 Health Department
 - AFSCME Council 31 Coroner's Office
 - ICOPS Sheriff Deputies



- In the area of Recruitment:
 - Evaluate current online application system and if warranted, move to a new online application system
 - Improve outreach to stakeholders and candidates that support increasing diversity on all levels
 - Regular reports on turnover and recruitment



- In the area of Policy Development:
 - On an ongoing basis, update personnel policies to ensure policies align with strategic goals:
 - Work from Home
 - Technology Use/Social Media
 - Personnel Records
 - Form partnerships with managers and employees to keep them abreast of new changes and make sure new policies are consistently applied



- In the area of Diversity & Inclusion:
 - Listen to understand
 - Prioritize initiatives to promote demographic and cognitive diversity
 - Emerge as a leader by hiring and retaining a diverse workforce at all levels of the organization
 - Work with employees and Committee(s) to help these initiatives gain momentum



Questions

Thank you for your time today!