Rebekkah Semmler, Paratransit Services

Paratransit Services History with NPIP

Paratransit Services, a non-profit 501(c)(3) transportation company headquartered in Bremerton, Washington, was part of the original group of nonprofit companies that formed the Non Profit Insurance Program (NPIP) in 2004. The company has continued to be an NPIP member since that time, and was directly involved in legislative efforts to add a new section to the Revised Code of Washington specifically concerning nonprofit insurance pools. Paratransit Services provided testimony to both the Senate and House Committees as an advocate of the legislation which, as Senate Bill 5119, was successfully passed in 2015.

Rebekkah Semmler

Rebekkah Semmler is currently the Insurance and Risk Manager for Paratransit Services. Since October 2008, she has been an important member of the corporate team at Paratransit Services. In July 2018, after serving as the Drug and Alcohol Program Manager (DAPM)/Risk Specialist, Ms. Semmler was promoted to her current position of Insurance and Risk Manager, a key position in any transit operations company.

Her responsibilities require extensive interface with various professionals in the insurance industry such as brokers, insurers, and third party administrators. She manages the company’s insurance programs, directs insurance negotiations, and acts as a liaison between insurance carriers and Paratransit Services. When Paratransit Services receives opportunities for new business in the form of Requests for Proposals, Ms. Semmler provides important counsel relating to insurance and risk issues that the new project could entail. She also serves as a central participant during the investigation of accidents involving Paratransit Services vehicles. In addition, she cooperates in the preparation of material and evidence for use in any hearings and lawsuits, that may follow.

Her knowledge of insurance and risk issues, combined with her forensic analysis training, has also been indispensable to the company in the formulation of its various workplace safety policies, as well as ensuring they are in compliance with local and state requirements, in addition to federal OSHA rules and regulations.

Ms. Semmler’s 12 years of nonprofit company experience has included in-depth engagement with the insurance industry, and specifically NPIP, as an insurer for Paratransit Services. These qualities bring a wealth of practical experience to the NPIP Board.