

State Risk Newsletter

I am pleased to announce our first virtual Risk and Resilience Conference that will be held every Wednesday morning in the month of April. The conference is a free event and will offer different topics each week. We will explore areas of good risk management practices, property claims, insurance 101, human element programs and much more. Our conference will be held from 9 AM – Noon each Wednesday. On the last day (April 27th), we will host the morning conference plus moderate an open forum for State Agencies and a separate open forum for Universities later that afternoon.

The agenda is listed in the links below by week.

Sign up Here!

[April 6](#)

[April 13](#)

[April 20](#)

[April 27](#) – **Reminder....** *In conjunction with the morning conference, there will be two open forum sessions that will be held this afternoon. One for State Agencies and the other for Universities. When you sign up here for the morning conference, we will send you a separate ZOOM invite to join us for the open forum discussion that best relates to your area (State Agency or University).*

Agency Directory

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Evelyn Smith - Program Manager - 502-782-5433

Sandy Etherington - Proc Dev Spec II - 502-782-5442

Property Claims

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Auto Claims

Evelyn Smith - Program Manager - 502-782-5433

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eRIMS/MyRISK Assistance

Ryan Barnard - Resource Mgmt Analyst - 502-782-5435

BY SIGNING UP AND FULLY ATTENDING ALL SESSIONS EACH WEEK, YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING TO WIN A PRIZE!

NOTE: If you have not used TEAMS before, prior to the conference, please download TEAMS from:

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/sign-up-for-teams-free-classic-70aaf044-b872-4c32-ac47-362ab29ebbb1>

I am looking forward to seeing each of you soon! Any questions feel free to reach out to me.

Employee Spotlight

Gerry Hamilton

Insurance Program Manager



I joined State Risk in 2005 as a building appraiser and in those 17 years, have gained tremendous knowledge and experience of the Commonwealth's property assets. I truly enjoy all the beauty Kentucky has to offer.

My wife Sarah, is a Franklin County native and semi-retired teacher. I am an Ohio transplant from the Mason area of Warren County. Our two beautiful twin daughters attend Eastern Kentucky University, both excelling as academic scholars and Dance Team captains. We enjoy our spare time following their dance careers performing at football games, basketball games and the annual NDA National Dance Team Competition in Florida. Our travel getaway still remains Daytona Beach.

In my spare time, I enjoy playing drums with the local Beau Wolfe Band. If you see me out at a Frankfort Kentucky locale, stop and say "howdy".

Recently, I was promoted to the Insurance Program Manager for Appraisal, Boiler, Sprinkler, and Underwriting programs within the State Risk & Insurance Services Division.



Ryan Barnard

Resource Management Analyst II



I've been with State Risk since 2000 and have been employed with the Commonwealth of Kentucky for over 24 years. I work as the Resource Manager where I have been challenged to learn new skills.

I am originally from the Ft. Knox area and moved to Frankfort in 1997. My wife and I have been married for 4 years and we foster a 34 year old man with special needs, Zane.

I'm also involved in my church and serve as a guitarist on the praise team, as well as various mission oriented projects.

Employment Opportunities within the Division of State Risk

We have two positions open in our office. If you or someone you know are interested, please click on the link(s) below for more information about each job.

Insurance Appraiser



Fiscal Officer



....and Sandy has moved to a different position within our office.



Sandy Etherington

I joined the State Risk team in March 2019 as an Office Manager and now it is my privilege to step into the role of Procedures Development Specialist to manage the KY Self-Insured Automobile Program (KSAP).

I have worked with many of our KSAP customers since September 2021 and look forward to working with those I haven't met as yet, in the future.

When not working, I enjoy boating, camping, umpiring, and spending time with my family and six grandchildren.