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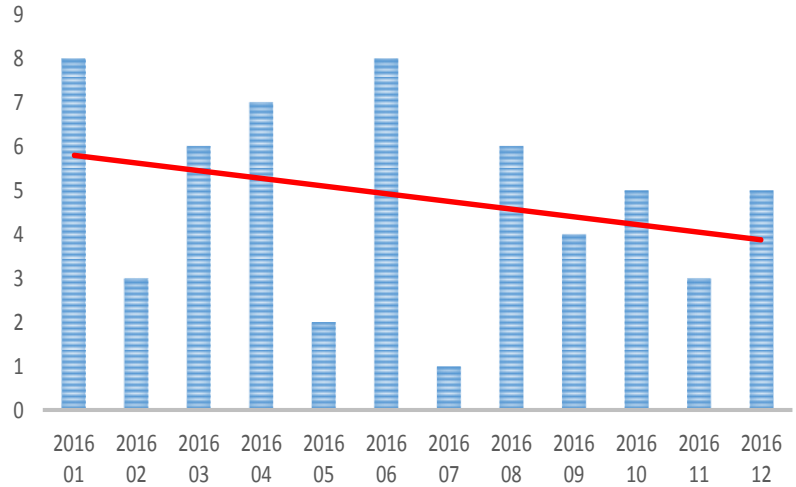
2016 Year In Review

Now that 2016 is in our rear view mirror, and we start out a new year of service to the Bonner County community, it is an opportune time to review our trends.

Auto claims decreased throughout the year, even though we had a spike in claims in December. Winter has traditionally posed challenges for drivers due to snow and ice on the roads.

Several departments, including Road & Bridge, Assessors and Public Works have held Defensive Driving Classes for their employees. The reduction in accidents is a reflection of their investment.

2016 AUTO CLAIMS



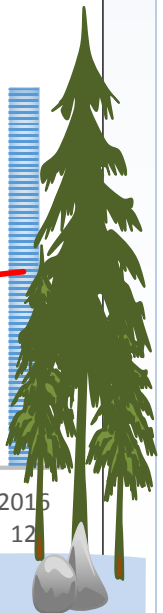
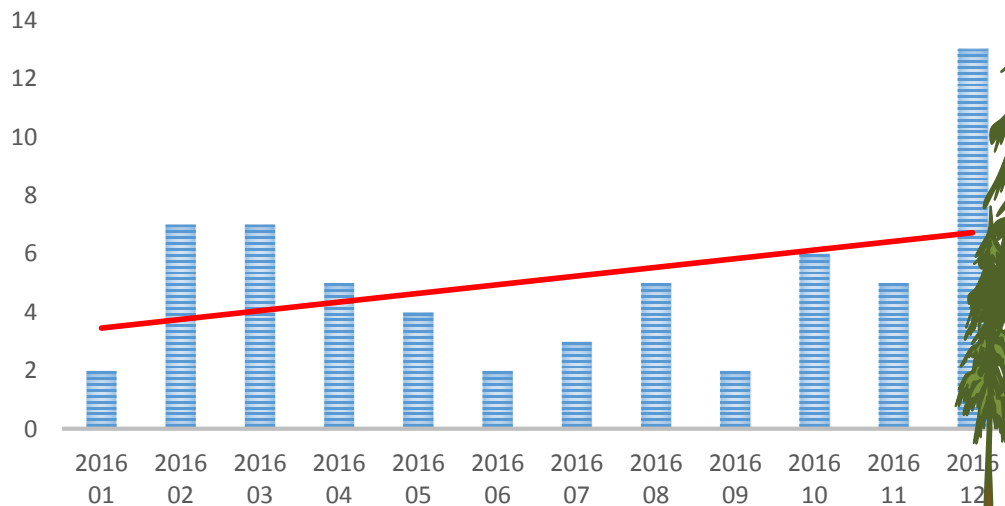
Injuries (all reported) increased in 2016. 62% of the December injuries were slip & fall related.

Work related injuries historically have increased over the winter months, and this year was no exception. Additionally, the number of injuries each winter season appears to be increasing. Many were snow/ ice related.

While high in winter, slip & fall incidents are the leading cause of injuries over the entire year. For 2016, Slip & fall injuries accounted for:

- 40% of all reported injuries
- 38% of all medical only comp claims
- 33% of all lost time claims
- 62% of medical bills for all comp claims

2016 REPORTED INJURIES





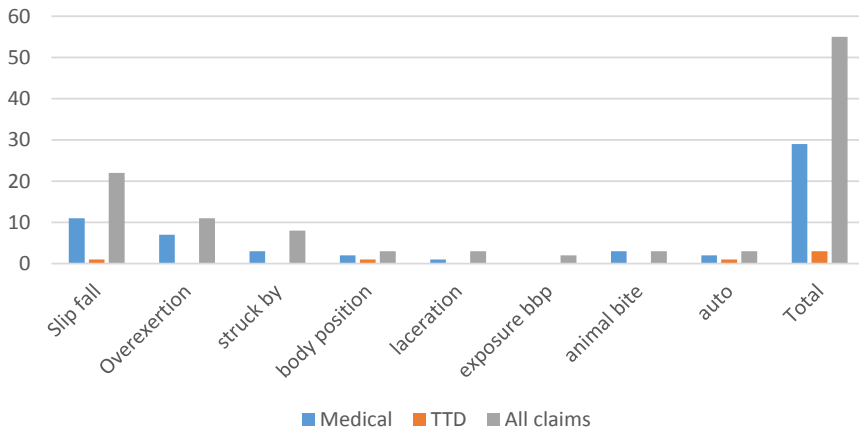
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Winter Safety

All 2016 injuries by Medical, Lost Time, and Total

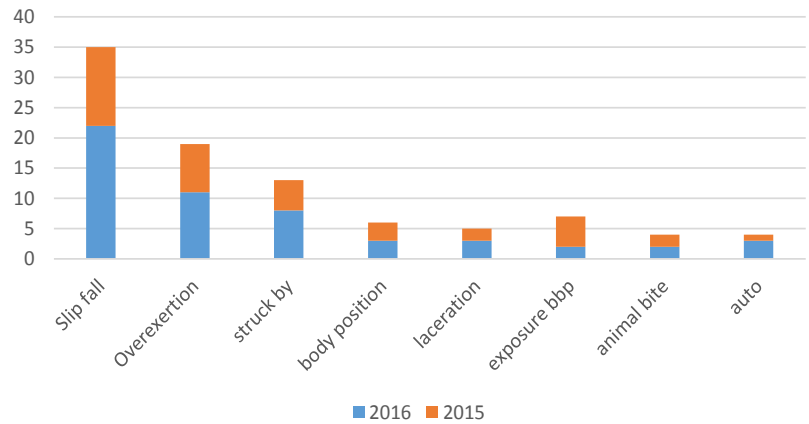


A multi-pronged awareness campaign has been communicated to reduce these types of injuries this winter season. Some of these programs include:

- New Hire Orientation Material
- Safety Council Meetings
- Bonner County Safety Record Newsletter
- Safety Awareness Classes

Top chart: There are twice as many reported injuries (which includes “information only” claims) than injuries needing medical attention, which is a sign of a healthy safety culture that encourages reporting of all incidents. Prompt reporting of all injuries has been proven to reduce workers compensation costs. Chart on right shows that slip & fall injuries are the most frequent injury cause reported.

2016 & 2015 Injuries by Cause



All 2016 Claim Costs by \$

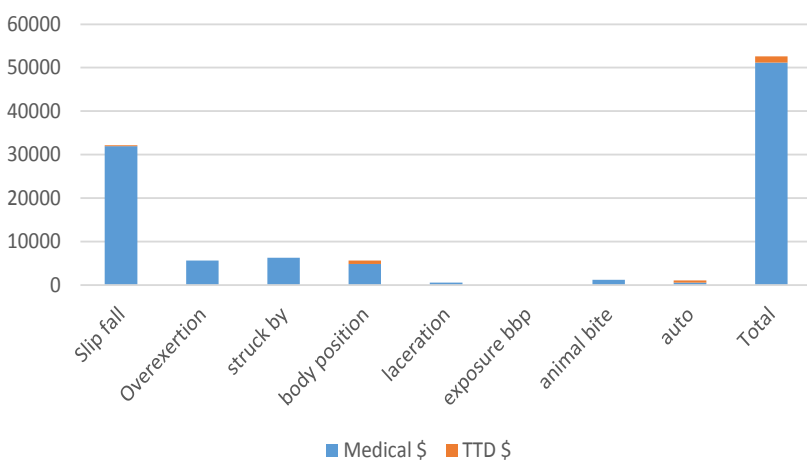


Chart on the left: If we track only dollars spent/ lost by injury cause, we find that slip & fall injuries account for a majority of claim losses. Medical costs are higher than TTD (lost time) costs, which is a sign of a health light duty program. Our plan for 2017: We will continue to focus on preventing slip & fall injuries by focusing on:

- Awareness
- Training
- Environmental controls
- Effective claims management