



Service in Focus: The “Local Officials: *Stronger, Together* Podcast Series”

The TML Risk Pool produces the “Local Officials: *Stronger, Together* Podcast Series” to help local officials (and managers and staff) understand key legal concepts and Pool coverages and services. Each episode is 15-minutes or less and includes easy action items to help keep your citizens, employees, volunteers, and property safe, all while saving public dollars.

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- Episode 16: Are You Prepared: Before, During and After the Storm
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- Episode 8: First Responders and COVID-19 Vaccines
- Episode 7: Disciplining and Terminating Employees: The Pool’s ‘Call Before You Fire’ Hotline
- Episode 6: The storm has passed, now what? SynergyNDS Turnkey Recovery Program
- Episode 5: Keep Your Police Officers Safe: TPCA’s Vincible Program
- Episode 4: The storm has passed, now what? The Pool’s BEST Roofing Program
- Episode 3: Sewage Backups: Know Before You Go
- Ep. 2a-2b: Local Governments and Firearms: Avoiding a Jam
- Episode 1: The Local Officials: STP Series - Why Should I be Listening?

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