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TO: District Superintendents  
Maintenance Directors  
SISC II Member Districts

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SUBJECT: Operation of Golf Carts on Public Roadways

It has recently come to our attention that some districts may allow the operation of golf/utility carts on public roadways. The purpose of this bulletin is to express SISC's position on this matter and to provide guidance to district administrators in setting appropriate policies.

First and foremost, operating a golf cart on a public roadway is illegal if the cart is not licensed and registered. Therefore, an operator is subject to a citation and/or fine for illegal operation of a vehicle. Operating the cart on the roadway shoulder does not relieve the district of the licensing requirement, it only adds to the potential citation risk.

In addition, golf carts that are not licensed for use on public roadways (the same as other district vehicles) are covered as property only and are not insured under the scope of the SISC II liability coverage. This means that if an accident occurred while the cart was being operated on a public roadway, the district would be directly responsible to any third party for payment of any injuries or damage that occurred. Further, damage to the cart would not be insured under the property coverage if the damage occurred while the cart was being operated on a public roadway.

District administrators should prohibit the operation of golf carts on public roadways unless specific measures have been taken to properly license and register the vehicle. The district must also report the cart to SISC Risk Management Services in order for the vehicle to be added to the list of insured vehicles. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Beard at 661-636-4417.

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