

The Recovery Agents Benefit Fund (RABF)... hopefully you've heard about it and hopefully you'll never have to use it. The RABF was started because too many within our industry lost their lives or livelihoods and their families were left without an income or provider. The fund is not the sole answer to this problem, we unfortunately cannot provide for everyone, nor can we provide continuous care after a

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The answers to this problem have to come from several places. 1) Repossessors (just like any other person regardless of career choice) need to start planning ahead for the inevitable. Life insurance or at minimum a burial policy or final expense policy should be purchased. We understand this may be easier said than done due to cost of coverage, health related questions and exams, life choices (smoker vs. non-smoker) etc. But obtaining this type of coverage is a step repossessors can try to make on their own in order to assist their family should the unforeseen, but ultimately the inevitable happen.

2) Those who employ repossessors should obtain workers compensation / employer liability coverage even if it is NOT required by your state. Again, we understand cost and availability may be factors in some employers not providing the coverage, but in many more cases, employers simply try to avoid it all together.

When those two options are not available, the RABF has been able to help. Donations have come in many ways over the years, but have slowed dramatically recently. The only way the RABF has been able to survive this long is through the sale of raffle tickets for a Slide-In unit donated yearly by Anthony Gentile of Dynamic Sales & Service. We are grateful again to be able to say that Dynamic has donated another Slide In unit for 2014; winner to be announced at the Dynamic Booth at the Baltimore Tow Show this November.



But we need more and your industry deserves better. That is why we have partnered with AmazonSmile to set up a program where .5% of the purchase price of all items bought through the AmazonSmile link goes to benefit the Recovery Agents Benefit Fund. That's right... now you can shop at the same retailers you always have through Amazon, but with each purchase you will help the benefit fund that may one day have to be called upon to help you or your family. Please bookmark this site in your browser to make sure you're always shopping to benefit the RABF. http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-4434353.

We're also asking for your help in getting the word out about this new way of fundraising or crowd funding! If you have Facebook, "Like" the RSIG page <u>www.facebook.com/RSIGInsurance</u> and then "Share" the AmazonSmiles post on your business and/or personal pages. Tell your family and friends about it and ask them to do the same. If you'd like the banner ad seen in this article to put on your webpage, please contact us for the HTML code. The more people who learn about this the greater the opportunity for the RABF that ultimately serves this industry.