

## CHAPTER 466

## TORT LIABILITY, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

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**466.01 DEFINITIONS.**

*[For text of subds 1 to 5, see M.S.1988]*

Subd. 6. **Employee, officer, or agent.** For the purposes of sections 466.01 to 466.15, “employee,” “officer,” or “agent” means a present or former employee, officer, or agent of a municipality, or other person acting on behalf of the municipality in an official capacity, temporarily or permanently, with or without compensation, but does not include an independent contractor. “Employee” includes court administrators and their staff under chapter 485, district administration staff in the second and fourth judicial districts, guardians ad litem, and other employees within the court system whose salaries are paid by the county, other than employees who remain on the county payroll under section 480.181, subdivision 2.

**History:** 1989 c 335 art 3 s 12

**466.03 EXCEPTIONS.**

*[For text of subds 1 to 15, see M.S.1988]*

Subd. 16. Any claim against a county, arising from the operation of an all-terrain vehicle on land administered by a county under chapter 280, 281, or 282, except that the county is liable for conduct that would entitle a trespasser to damages against a private person.

**History:** 1989 c 331 s 24

**466.04 MAXIMUM LIABILITY.**

Subdivision 1. **Limits; punitive damages.** (a) Liability of any municipality on any claim within the scope of sections 466.01 to 466.15 shall not exceed:

- (1) \$200,000 when the claim is one for death by wrongful act or omission and \$200,000 to any claimant in any other case;
  - (2) \$600,000 for any number of claims arising out of a single occurrence; or
  - (3) twice the limits provided in clauses (1) and (2) when the claim arises out of the release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, whether the claim is brought under sections 115B.01 to 115B.15 or under any other law.
- (b) No award for damages on any such claim shall include punitive damages.

*[For text of subds 1a to 3, see M.S.1988]*

**History:** 1989 c 325 s 50