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### **1. Deadline: Pension Reporting Information**

Minnesota law requires forfeiture of fire state aid for volunteer fire relief associations that do not submit all required reporting information to the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) by November 30. If 2018 reporting forms are not fully received in our office by that date, a relief association's 2019 state aid will be automatically forfeited and the relief association will not be eligible for future state aid until the 2018 reporting forms are received. The OSA does not have authority to grant filing extensions past the November 30 deadline.

If you have questions regarding reporting requirements or need access to online reporting forms, please contact the Pension Division at (651) 282-6110 or [pension@osa.state.mn.us](mailto:pension@osa.state.mn.us).

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### **2. Update: Volunteer Fire Relief Association Working Group**

The Volunteer Fire Relief Association Working Group met on November 8. The Working Group members approved draft language that clarifies a firefighter's eligibility for supplemental benefits if the firefighter receives multiple service pension or benefit distributions. The Working Group members continued discussing interest (or augmentation) for deferred relief association members, and received an update on legislation that would allow cities with combination fire departments to retain a portion of the fire state aid distribution to pay employer contributions to the Public Employees Retirement Association on behalf of their full-time firefighters.

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on Tuesday, November 26, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the first floor board room at the Retirement Systems Building in Saint Paul, at 60 Empire Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55103.

Meetings are open to the public. Agendas and materials are available on the OSA website at:

<https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=reliefworkinggroup>

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### **3. Avoiding Pitfalls: Unclaimed Property**

The Minnesota Department of Commerce acts as custodian of unclaimed property deemed abandoned under the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act. Local governments can search for unclaimed property at:

<https://www.missingmoney.com/>

To learn more about this issue, please visit the OSA's website at:

<https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20120914.000>

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