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1. 2006 Criminal Forfeitures in Minnesota Report

The **2006 Criminal Forfeitures in Minnesota Report** is now available on our website. The report provides information on the amount of cash and property seized by Minnesota law enforcement agencies subject to forfeiture in 2006.

For the full report, see

http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/reports/gid/2006/forfeiture/forfeiture_06_report.pdf.

For the press release announcing the report, see

http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/reports/gid/2006/forfeiture/forfeiture_06_press.pdf.

2. GID Update – Summer Short Courses on CTAS

The Office of the State Auditor's Government Information Division (GID) will be holding Small City and Town Accounting System (CTAS) training sessions at the Minnesota Association of Townships' Summer Short Course series. CTAS is an accounting software package used by small cities and towns. The sessions will provide an overview of CTAS and hands-on training.

The courses will take place in St. Cloud (7/9), Marshall (7/10), Mankato (7/11), Rochester (7/12), Fergus Falls (7/24), Thief River Falls (7/25), Bemidji (7/26), and Grand Rapids (7/27).

To register and for more information about the Summer Short Course series, go to the Minnesota Association of Townships' website at www.mntownships.org and click on "Training Events."

3. Pension Division Update

Pension Legislative Update Correction

Last week's E-Update incorrectly stated that volunteer fire relief associations no longer need to complete the annual corporate charter registration with the Secretary of State's Office. The legislation that passed conformed the law on filing requirements for volunteer fire relief associations to match the process the Secretary of State's Office has been using in recent years, and to reflect the actual filing practices of relief associations. **Volunteer fire relief associations must complete the annual corporate charter registration either online at the Secretary of State's website or by using a paper form.** If you have questions regarding the legislation, please contact Pension Director Rose Hennessy Allen at (651) 296-5985 or Rose.Hennessy-Allen@state.mn.us.

Broker Certification Requirement

As mentioned in our May 4 E-Update, the Office of the State Auditor is requiring all volunteer fire relief associations that use a broker to submit a copy of the signed Broker Certification Form (BC-1) to be eligible for 2007 state fire aid. The Pension Division would like to thank the many relief association trustees and representatives that have promptly submitted copies of the form. Pension analysts have noticed, however, that a number of the BC-1 forms that were submitted are incorrect versions of the form. Please review the BC-1 form before submission to ensure that the statutory references in Section II are to Sections 356A.06, 356.64, and 69.775.

Relief associations can find a copy of the correct BC-1 form by visiting the State Auditor's website at www.auditor.state.mn.us. Click on the link to forms on the left-hand side of the screen. Click on Pension, and then choose Pension Reporting Forms. A PDF copy of the BC-1 is provided. If you

have questions, please contact Gail Richie at (651) 282-6110 or
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