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1. New: Statement of Position

A new Statement of Position entitled "Volunteer Fire Relief Member's Return to Service" describes recent changes in state law allowing volunteer firefighters to return to service without penalty. The new law allows a relief association, by amending its bylaws, to decide whether members may return to active membership and under what conditions, as long as the conditions are consistent with the new law. To view the complete statement, go to:

http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/other/Statements/firereliefmemberreturntoservice_0906_statement.pdf.

2. Released: CTAS Newsletter

The Summer CTAS Newsletter has been released. The Newsletter contains information on a CTAS upgrade and an announcement of upcoming training opportunities. To view the complete newsletter, which includes a registration form for training sessions, go to:

<http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=ctasNewsletters>.

3. Released: Pension Newsletter

The June Pension Newsletter was released this week. It provides information regarding interest options and payment methods for deferred members, maximum benefit calculations, and updates to relief association bylaws. The Newsletter can be viewed at:

<http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=pensionDocs>.

4. Avoiding Pitfalls: Monitoring Internal Controls

Public entities need to monitor their internal controls on a regular basis to determine if they are still effective. Changes in an entity such as an updated information system or budget reductions that could result in organizational restructuring or in a modification in the services provided by the entity could change the effectiveness of internal controls. Maintaining sound internal controls is an ongoing process, and vital in protecting public assets.

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