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1. Released: New Statement of Position for Towns

The new Statement of Position Borrowing and Debt: Towns has been released. The Statement describes some of the types of borrowing available to towns and the various restrictions on a town's authority to borrow. To view the complete Statement, go to:

http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/other/Statements/TownsBorrowingandDebt_1005_statement.pdf.

2. Pension: Business Renewal Reminder

Every volunteer fire relief association must register as a nonprofit corporation with the Minnesota Secretary of State each year. If a relief association fails to register, or to notify the Secretary of State of a corporate name or address change, the Secretary of State may reject the registration and dissolve the relief association's nonprofit corporation status.

The annual registration can be completed online at the Secretary of State's website at:

https://online.sos.state.mn.us/abr/corp_annual_filing.asp.

3. Deadline: Forfeiture Reporting Form

May 20th is the deadline for law enforcement agencies to report the final disposition of property seized subject to forfeiture for the month of April. DWI forfeitures do not need to be included in the reports. The forms can be found at:

<http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20031119.001>.

4. Avoiding Pitfalls: IRS e-Postcard for Nonprofits (Relief Associations)

Small tax-exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less may be required to electronically submit Form 990-N (also known as the e-Postcard) to the IRS, unless they choose to file a complete Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

The e-Postcard is due every year. It must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. If your organization operates on a calendar year, as most fire relief associations do, the e-Postcard is due by May 15 of the following year.

If you do not file your e-Postcard on time, the IRS will send you a reminder notice. However, an organization that fails to file the required e-Postcard (or Forms 990 or 990EZ) for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status.

If this filing requirement applies to your organization, go to <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html> for complete details.

The Minnesota Council of Nonprofits also has information on the requirement at:

http://www.mncn.org/990N_faq.htm.

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