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1. Training: OSA Annual Training in November

The Office of the State Auditor Annual Training will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at the Crowne Plaza St. Paul Riverfront Hotel in St. Paul. Topics will include ethics, fraud, legal compliance, and governmental accounting and auditing. The conference will highlight implementation issues relating to GASB Statement 54 (fund balance and governmental fund definitions). The Office of the State Auditor is once again making this day of training available to people working with local government finances.

More information on the conference, including links to the agenda and a registration form, will be available soon on the State Auditor's website, and will be announced in the E-Update.

2. Deadline: Forfeiture Reporting Form

September 20th is the deadline for law enforcement agencies to report final disposition of property seized subject to forfeiture for the month of August. DWI forfeitures are now required to be included. To report final disposition of forfeitures, please go to:

<https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/safes/>.

3. Website: Helpful Information for Relief Association Trustees

The OSA has developed contact information, including phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and websites, for many of the government offices and agencies that volunteer fire relief

associations interact with. The information can be found by going to the "Pension Forms and Documents" page on the OSA website. Then, under the "Documents" heading, click on "Helpful Contact Information for Fire Relief Associations". You can access the "Pension Forms and Documents" page directly by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20070105.001>.

4. Avoiding Pitfalls: Joint Powers Agreements – Part I

Governmental units may have agreements with each other to exercise certain powers together. Is your governmental unit a party to any joint powers agreements? If so, do you have copies of your current agreements? Have you reviewed the agreements recently? Do they say what you want them to say? Do they comply with current law?

The primary statute on the joint exercise of governmental powers is [Minn. Stat. § 471.59](#).

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