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Late Reporting Forms

There are still over 50 relief associations that have yet to submit some or all of their 2005 reporting year forms. **Complete** and **correct** reporting information must be received before November 30 to avoid forfeiture of your 2006 state fire aid. The reporting forms should be submitted as soon as possible so that they can be reviewed and so that you can ensure correct reporting information has been filed. Unfortunately, we have received forms that were prepared by relief associations or their accountants that were not completed correctly and had to be sent back to be revised and re-filed. All reporting information, including complete and correct reporting forms, must be received to comply with the statutory forfeiture deadline.

A list of the relief associations with delinquent reporting forms is attached. If you have questions on what forms your relief association is missing, or on completion of a given form, please contact Gail Richie at (651) 282-6110 or Gail.Richie@state.mn.us. Please make sure that reporting information is submitted directly to the State Auditor's Office.

Bylaw Changes

The State Auditor's Office has received numerous inquiries regarding recent law changes and whether the changes require that your bylaws be updated. The law changes related to volunteer fire relief associations don't directly require that your bylaws be amended. If your relief association is interested in offering the increased supplemental benefit to survivors, the bylaws do need to be updated to reflect this new option. The investment authority changes and definition of the term "Volunteer Firefighter" do not require that you amend your bylaws. Your relief association's investment advisor or broker should be made aware of the investment authority changes and your fire department should be notified of the firefighter definition.

The July 2006 Pension Newsletter contained a summary of the law changes that occurred this past summer. Another copy of the July newsletter is accompanying this newsletter for your convenience. Copies of all Pension Newsletters will also be posted on the State Auditor's website soon at www.auditor.state.mn.us. If you have questions regarding any of these changes please contact Pension Director Jared Jordal at (651) 296-5985 or Jared.Jordal@state.mn.us.

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Relief Associations Missing Forms

Albert Lea Township Fire Relief Association	Hill City Fire Relief Association
Appleton Fire Relief Association	Holland Fire Relief Association
Bagley Fire Relief Association	Ivanhoe Fire Relief Association
Baudette Fire Relief Association	Keewatin Fire Relief Association
Bethel Fire Relief Association	Kilkenny Fire Relief Association
Bigelow Fire Relief Association	Lakeport Fire Relief Association
Blackhoof Fire Relief Association	Long Lake Fire Relief Association
Braham Fire Relief Association	Lonsdale Fire Relief Association
Brownsville Fire Relief Association	Mapleview Fire Relief Association
Brownton Fire Relief Association	Mc Gregor Fire Relief Association
Campbell Fire Relief Association	Milan Fire Relief Association
Cleveland Fire Relief Association	Nassau Fire Relief Association
Dalbo Fire Relief Association	New Auburn Fire Relief Association
Dalton Fire Relief Association	New Munich Fire Relief Association
Eitzen Fire Relief Association	Randolph Fire Relief Association
Embarrass Fire Relief Association	Rice Lake Fire Relief Association
Emmons Fire Relief Association	Scandia Valley Fire Relief Association
Finland Fire Relief Association	Shelly Fire Relief Association
Fosston Fire Relief Association	Squaw Lake Fire Relief Association
Fulda Fire Relief Association	Thief River Falls Fire Relief Association
Glyndon Fire Relief Association	Walters Fire Relief Association
Gnesen Fire Relief Association	Warroad Fire Relief Association
Goodland Fire Relief Association	Waubun Fire Relief Association
Granite Falls Fire Relief Association	Waverly Fire Relief Association
Greenbush Fire Relief Association	Woodstock Fire Relief Association
Harris Fire Relief Association	