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1. Scheduled: Volunteer Fire Relief Association Working Group

The Office of the State Auditor will again convene the Volunteer Fire Relief Association Working Group this fall. The Working Group meets to identify and work through current and pressing relief association issues. The first meeting of the Working Group is set for October 1 and will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the first floor board room at the Retirement Systems Building in Saint Paul, at 60 Empire Drive, Saint Paul 55103.

Additional Working Group meetings have been scheduled for October 22, November 8, November 26, and December 17.

Meetings are open to the public. Agendas and materials will be available on the OSA website at:

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

2. Deadline: Fire State Aid

The first certification deadline for 2019 fire state aid is September 15. For a volunteer fire relief association to be certified as eligible for receipt of fire state aid in the first round of payments, all required 2018 reporting information must have been submitted to the Office of the State Auditor, our review of the information must have been completed, and any issues identified during our review must have been resolved by that date.

If your relief association has submitted its reporting forms but has been notified by our Pension Division team that additional information is needed, please provide the requested information as soon as possible.

3. Reminder: TIF Excess Increment Deadline

If a TIF district had excess increment calculated for 2018, it must be used for allowable purposes or returned to the county auditor by September 30th. For more information, please see our article, "Excess Increment Deadline Reminder," at:

<https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=ExsIncrDln>

4. Avoiding Pitfalls: Computer Access by Employees

The staff responsible for managing computer system access should be notified when an employee ends public employment so that the former employee's access to the entity's computer network can be terminated. To learn more about this issue, please visit:

<https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20090724.010>

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