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1. Deadline: County Financial Reporting Form

November 1st is the deadline for counties to submit their annual financial reporting form. The form can be found at:

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

2. Registration: OSA Annual Training

The OSA Annual Training will be held on Wednesday, November 15th at the Mermaid Event Center in Mounds View. Topics will include legal compliance, fiduciary activities, employee benefits, and governmental accounting and auditing.

For details and a link to the online registration, please go to:

<https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=2019OSATraining>

3. Update: Volunteer Fire Relief Association Working Group

The Volunteer Fire Relief Association Working Group met on October 22. The Working Group members discussed supplemental benefits for firefighters who receive more than one service pension or benefit. The Working Group members approved draft language that clarifies the uniformity of benefits statute for relief associations. The Working Group members also began discussing the topics of deferred interest for relief association members and the fire and supplemental state aid programs.

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on Friday, November 8, 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, MN 55103.

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

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

4. Avoiding Pitfalls: Scrap and Salvage Proceeds

Public entities may at times receive money from the sale of scrap or other salvaged materials. This money is not “found” money that can simply be retained and spent by the department that controls the materials. Instead, the money must be treated like other public funds and promptly turned over to the public entity for deposit and entry into the accounting system.

This avoiding pitfall is available on the State Auditor’s website at:

<https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20090724.098>

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