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FRPAS Training Sessions

The Pension Division of the State Auditor's Office is offering free training sessions on FRPAS, the new Fire Relief Pension Accounting System. Fifteen training sessions in ten different communities are being offered between March 27 and April 13.

FRPAS is a free accounting package specially made for Minnesota's volunteer fire relief associations. The program promotes best accounting practices, conveniently tracks relief association data and automatically completes annual reporting forms.

The State Auditor's Office encourages relief association trustees, municipal representatives and accountants or auditors to take advantage of this free training. FRPAS is designed for lump sum plans and can be used for completion of the 2005 reporting forms.

Relief associations can also begin using FRPAS for their 2006 accounting. By entering transactions throughout the year, the 2006 reporting forms will be automatically completed at year-end.

FRPAS Training Registration

To register for a training session please see the attached registration form or contact Gail Richie at (651) 282-6110 or Gail.Richie@state.mn.us. Detailed information on specific training locations will be provided to each registered participant.

Other Reporting Options

Paper versions and instructions of the 2005 reporting forms are also available for download from the State Auditor's website (www.auditor.state.mn.us.) If a relief association chooses to use the paper forms they should be downloaded and then printed for completion.

An even better alternative than paper forms will be the new Online Reporting that will be available by June 1. The online forms will pre-populate information so it should take less time for relief associations to complete the reporting forms and submit them electronically. The automated Excel versions of forms that previously were provided have been replaced with the online reporting option and FRPAS, which both offer data retention and verification.

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