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1. Released: County Finances Report

State Auditor Rebecca Otto today released the 2012 Minnesota County Finances Report, which summarizes, through data tables and charts, the financial operations of Minnesota counties for calendar year 2012 and also examines long-term trends.

To view the complete report, go to:

<https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20140506.000>.

2. Deadline: Forfeiture Reporting

May 20th is the deadline for law enforcement agencies to report final disposition of property seized subject to forfeiture for the month of April. To report final disposition of forfeitures, please go to:

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

3. Reminder: Relief Association Annual Business Renewal

Every volunteer fire relief association must annually register as a nonprofit corporation with the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office. If a relief association fails to register or to notify the Secretary of State of corporate name or address changes, the Secretary of State may reject the registration and dissolve the relief association's nonprofit corporation status.

A relief association can learn of its current registration status by going to the Secretary of State's website. Relief associations with a "renewal due date" displayed as 12/31/2014 must complete the registration before December 31, 2014 or face dissolution of the association's nonprofit corporation status. If the relief association has completed its registration for this calendar year, the renewal due date will be displayed as 12/31/2015.

The annual registration can be completed online at the Secretary of State's website at:

<http://mblsportal.sos.state.mn.us/>.

4. Avoiding Pitfalls: Alcohol and Spouse/Family Expenses

The Office of the State Auditor has long maintained that the purchase of alcohol at public expense does not serve a public purpose. In addition, the expenditure of public funds for the expenses of a spouse or family member of a public officer or employee does not serve a public purpose.

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