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Pension Division Newsletter

- **March 31 Reports Deadline**
- **FRPAS Training**

March 31 – Reports Due

March 31 was the reporting deadline for fire relief associations with assets and liabilities of less than \$200,000. To date, the State Auditor's Office has received reports from approximately one-third of the reliefs that were subject to this deadline. FRPAS (Fire Relief Pension Accounting System) is a fast and easy way for lump sum plans to meet this reporting requirement. Many reliefs have taken advantage of recent FRPAS training conducted around the state and a handful of training opportunities are scheduled for the near future. In addition to FRPAS, this office also plans to make an on-line, electronically-submitted version of the automated forms available on the State Auditor's website beginning June 1.

Because of the unique circumstances of the FRPAS introduction and the upcoming, on-line forms, we are granting some limited leeway for the March 31 reporting requirement. Relief associations which are just learning FRPAS are advised to use the system to submit their forms as soon as possible. Those specifically awaiting the June 1 on-line forms will be expected to have their reports submitted by June 15 at the latest. At this point, the reports are considered past due for any reliefs that are not planning to use FRPAS or the coming, on-line forms.

FRPAS Training – Final Scheduled Dates!

In the last two weeks, this office has had an enthusiastic response to training conducted around the state on the new FRPAS (Fire Relief Pension Accounting System) computer program. The system is extremely easy, helpful, and user-friendly. A limited number of hands-on training sessions remain and we strongly suggest you attend if you are interested and able.

Locations, dates and times for the upcoming training sessions that still have openings are provided below. For more information or to register for a training session, please contact Gail Richie at (651) 282-6110 or Gail.Richie@state.mn.us.

Rochester – Wed., April 12 – 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Red Wing – Thur., April 13 – 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Saint Paul – Wed., April 19 – 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and Thur., April 20 – 9:00 AM to Noon

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