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1. Deadline: Forfeiture Reporting

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

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

2. Update: Volunteer Fire Relief Association Working Group

Members of the Volunteer Fire Relief Association Working Group decided to wait to convene until the fall of 2018. The decision was made because there are two years of pending Working Group proposals waiting to be processed by the Legislature, which will potentially occur during the 2018 legislative session. The backlog in proposals is due to the Omnibus Retirement Bill being vetoed in each of the last two years. The Omnibus Retirement Bill contains the Working Group proposals and other pension-related legislation.

We will keep you updated on the progress of the pending Working Group proposals during the upcoming legislative session. Copies of the proposals and additional Working Group information can be accessed on the OSA website at:

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

3. Avoiding Pitfalls: Employee Tips

Studies show that the most common method of detecting fraud committed by an employee is through a tip – often from another employee. Public entities should keep channels of

communication open so employees feel that their concerns will be positively received. Appropriate action should then be taken in response to these tips.

For more information on employee theft, see the most recent study by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, the 2016 Report to the Nations on Occupational Fraud and Abuse. To see key findings of the report, click on the following link, which will take you to the ACFE website:

<http://www.acfe.com/rttn.aspx>.

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