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To: All Fire Departments serving Hand County

- Ree Heights Fire
- South Hand Fire
- Wessington Fire
- Tulare Fire
- Redfield Fire
- Orient Fire
- Polo Fire Department
- Polo Fire District
- Miller Fire

Re: Annual Financial Statements (SDCL 34-31A-34)

Dear Fire Department Treasurer:

During our recent state audit, I was unable to produce the reports cited below for all of the fire services above. My delinquency in getting them from you will likely result in a derogatory comment on the county's audit report. That is something I should avoid. The state auditor wanted to examine the fire department reports and I could only produce three of the nine. So, I have to increase my efforts and send this reminder to file these reports.

South Dakota Codified Law 34-31A-34 reads:

34-31A-34. Filing of financial report with county auditor--Examination of district records.

The secretary-treasurer of the rural fire protection district shall, on or before January thirty-first of each year, file a financial report of the previous calendar year with the proper county auditor or county auditors. When the Department of Legislative Audit examines other county records, it shall examine the financial report of the secretary-treasurer of the rural fire protection district.

Source: SL 1971, ch 208, § 9; SL 1986, ch 287.

I have included a form for you to use. If you have a software platform in use, please send an equivalent report from it. If you hire this done, you can have them send the report directly to me this and in following years.

Please return your reports to this office prior to the deadline. You may send them by mail or by email, which ever suits you best. The address / email is in the header of this letter.

For those of you who have been sending them, Thank You! I appreciate it.

Respectfully,

Doug DeBoer – Auditor

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