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Staying in the Know

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The Deadline is Approaching

Our CMFO/CCFO free CPE event this past fall was a huge success. It was a privilege for me to get out and shake your hand and put a name with a face. I appreciate the many of you that attended our inaugural free CPE event and look forward to meeting more of you at this year's event. Don't forget to make sure your email address is up to date in our CMFO Act System and that you have chosen your preferred email so that we may send the invitation for this year's event to the correct email.

There are some important changes that need to be reiterated for this issue of the newsletter concerning the status of your CMFO Act account. There are many of you that still have not reported CPE for 2021. The deadline for

reporting CPE taken in 2021 is March 1st. Your account will be placed in inactive status if you have not reported by the deadline. If your account is placed in inactive status, you may not present yourself as a CMFO either in writing or orally or display your certificate until your account has been reactivated.

To reactivate, you must complete and properly report 16 hours to apply towards the 2021 delinquent CPE hours. This is in addition to the 16 CPE hours that you will be responsible to obtain in 2022 and report by December 31, 2022, to maintain an active status. An inactive status places your municipality out-of-compliance with the CMFO Act and subject to penalties if you are the individual designated as having oversight responsibilities for your city/town. A CMFO can remain in an inactive status for up to two consecutive years



from the last renewal deadline (December 31) as an active CMFO. After that period, the CMFO certification account is closed and is no longer eligible to reactivate and must reapply as a new candidate to attain the certification again.

What Qualifies as Live CPE?

Many of you have asked about the new requirement for live CPE. A virtual event (given online) can qualify as a live event if it is provided

in real time where each participant is given the opportunity to ask the instructor questions and attendance is taken by either CPE codes, attendance checks, or knowledge-based test at the end of the session. There will be exceptions granted for online CPE courses at the discretion of the Comptroller's Office. If you have any questions on whether a particular online CPE course offering is eligible for credit, please contact our office.

If you need assistance on finding upcoming live events near your location, please send me an email of the timeframe you are wanting to attend and location. We hope to see many of you at our annual free CPE event later this year but realize that time schedules may not permit. The best advice that I can give you is don't wait if you can get your CPE earlier in the year.

As always, we welcome all questions you have concerning the new policies and procedures. Please contact Mark Fawver at mark.fawver@cot.tn.gov or 615-747-8851.



CPE

Continuing Professional Education

If you have not submitted CPE hours
for 2021, submit them **ASAP**

5 Ways To Spot A Phishing Email



- The email asks you to confirm personal information.
- The web and email address do not look genuine.
- It's poorly written.
- There's a suspicious attachment.
- The message is designed to make you panic.



Go to tncot.cc/cyberaware to become more Cyber Aware.

CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER SPOTLIGHT: **Sherry Batchelor**

*City Clerk
City of Brownsville*



What interested you in the CMFO program?

I was first introduced to the CMFO program by a MTAS representative upon employment. When I moved to the area, my work experience began in secondary school finance and county government. After reading about the program, I believed expanding my knowledge in municipal government would dramatically help me to become more effective and efficient.

How do you expect being a CMFO will impact your position?

I am expecting this program to help me to oversee and maintain the City's financial funds while enhancing my skills developing complex budgets and forecasting revenue growth. Since I'm new to working in city government, I hope to collaborate with other CMFO officers in the area to share concepts and policies while making long term friends and colleagues.

What would you say to anyone thinking about participating in the CMFO Program?

I would encourage all City Clerks and City managers to enroll in this program. There's so much knowledge to gain for beginners as well as a good reference source for others.



THANK YOU!

**TO ALL WHO ATTENDED
THE FREE CPE TRAINING
HOSTED BY
THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE**

**LOOKOUT FOR
INFORMATION ON FUTURE
TRAINING EVENTS
COMING SOON!**





REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

TGFOA has set the date for their
2022 Spring Conference:

MARCH 3-4, 2022
THE VENUE
LENIOR CITY, TN

8 Hours of CPE and Opportunities for Networking
Learn more at www.tngfoa.org



SUCCESSFUL CONNECTIONS

A state & local government partnership program

OPEN TO ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
COUNTIES, CITIES, & UTILITY DISTRICTS

- Quarterly meetings @ 11:30am CT
- Kick-off meeting - 1.5 hour brainstorming panel discussion
- Facilitated breakout sessions

1.5 HOURS CPE CREDIT AVAILABLE

(CMFO, CCFO, UTILITY BOARD TRAINING)
BY REQUEST WHEN REGISTERING

Potential topics:

- Managing stress of public office
- Government-owned hospitals
- Budgets, debt, & audits
- Utility capital asset planning
- Solid waste & landfills
- Public safety
- Working with school boards
- Succession planning
- State & local elected officials' relationships
- Flexible work environments

KICK-OFF MEETING 25 FEBRUARY 2022

193 POLK AVE, SUITE D
NASHVILLE, TN 37219

 ZOOM ALSO AVAILABLE

Introduction by Comptroller Jason Mumpower
Moderated by Chris Caldwell

Panel Members:

- Mayor Holland, City of McKenzie
- Mayor Jacobs, Knox County
- Mayor Huffman, Tipton County
- Bruce Giles, Utility District Manager
- Rebecca Hunter, Utility District Commissioner

FUTURE MEETINGS:

ZOOM OPTION AVAILABLE
IN-PERSON LOCATIONS TBD

Watch for upcoming events
in May & October!

CTAS, MTAS, & Comptroller's Office
will coordinate & facilitate meetings



REGISTER NOW:

https://comptrollertn.formstack.com/forms/successful_connections_registration

Upcoming Training Classes/Conferences

CPE Provider Training Opportunities

(The following list is not a preapproval or endorsement of the provider organizations, nor do we provide any assurance regarding classes offered by the organizations.)

ACFE (Association of Certified Fraud Examiners)
<http://www.acfe.com/>

ACPEN (Accounting CPE Network)
<http://www.acpen.com/>

AGA (Association of Government Accountants)
(CGFM)
<http://www.agacgfm.org/>

AICPA (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants) CPEexpress
<https://www.aicpa.org/cpeandconferences/cpe-selfstudy.html>

Checkpoint Learning CPEasy
<http://www.cpeasy.com/>

Continuing Academics CPETutor
<http://www.cafacpe.com/default.aspx>

CTAS
<http://www.ctas.tennessee.edu/training>

GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association)
http://www.gfoa.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=28&Itemid=49

Local Government Corporation
<https://www.localgovernmentcorporation.com/drupal7/>

NASACT (National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, & Treasurers)
<http://nasact.org/>

TGA (Tennessee Gas Association)
<http://www.tngas.org/>

TCMA (Tennessee City Management Association)
<http://www.tncma.org/>

TGFOA (Tennessee Government Finance Officers Association)
<http://www.tngfoa.org>

TSCPA (Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants)
<http://www.tscpa.com>

TVPPA (Tennessee Valley Public Power Association, Inc.)
<http://www.tvppa.com/>

Tyler Technologies
<http://www.tylertech.com/>

Western CPE
<http://www.westerncpe.com/>



Congratulations

Certified Municipal Finance Officers

Alisan Key	James Simpson	Robert Rankin
Allison McCormick	Jamie Winslett	Sara Pope
Amy E. Jones	Jaymee Westover	Shane A. Horn
Anna Lannom	Jennifer Bautista	Sharon Case
Ariacne Dykes	Jerica Spikes	Sharon Mann
Bailey Whited	Jessica Davey	Sharon L. Spence
Bethany Wilson	Jessica S. Brown	Sheila F. Byrd
Bruce Applegate	Joyce Edwards	Shelly Gribble
Caleb Stoner	Kaci L. Lowe	Sherry Batchelor
Candy Lancaster	Kayla Downey	Stephanie Toland
Catherine Keck	Kyle Brown	Tanika Jennings
Christen Wilcox	LeAnne McDaniel	Tammy Covington
Christina Merle	Leslie Knighten	Tara Whitney Bain
Christy Bemrich	Linda Rogers	Teri Yopp
Constance King	Marc Woerner	Tiffany West
Dallas Davis	Margaret Wilson	Tito Langston
Diane Callis	May Vue	Troy A. Baker
Diane Davis	Michelle Mitchell	Valery Lewis
Dywuana Morris	Pamela M. Gentry	Wendy Fuqua
Ellen Marie Shuck Lipe	Rachel A. Clayton	
Gina Larkins	Rhonda M. Sparkman	
James A. Mills	Robert J. Cline	



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