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VHS OR DVD	<u>Fire District Management: Internal Controls Protecting Your Financial Operations</u> - Cosponsored with the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York, this program provides information regarding internal controls of receipts, disbursements, procurement and travel policies.	3/13/08
VHS OR DVD	<u>Just Elected What Do You Do Now?</u> - Cosponsored with the Association of Towns of the State of New York. This program is designed for newly elected and re-elected town officials to help them understand their duties and how town government functions.	12/19/07
VHS OR DVD	<u>Confused About Bail? Let Us Bail You Out</u> - Cosponsored with the Office of Court Administration. This program was designed for Town and Village Justices and Justice Court Clerks. Topics include the bail process, poundage and the alternatives to incarceration program, legal issues surrounding bail, noncash bail and credit cards, and ethical responsibilities.	12/3/07
VHS OR DVD	<u>Cyber Security: Don't Be The Next Headline</u> - Cosponsored with the New York State Government Finance Officers' Association, Inc. in cooperation with the New York State Office of Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Coordination. This program features lessons learned by local officials from previous cyber incidents. Other topics include determining risk of a cyber attack, how to get started in securing electronic information, and available resources.	11/15/07

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VHS OR DVD	<u>Fire District Management: What's New and Important</u> - Cosponsored with the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York, this program provides information regarding budget hearings and processes, new LOSAP regulations and audit requirements, and an update on training requirements.	9/6/07
VHS OR DVD	<u>The New DWI Legislation: What You Need to Know</u> - Cosponsored with the Office of Court Administration. This program was designed for Town and Village Justices and Court Clerks. Topics include an overview of legislative changes, new offenses including aggravated DWI, plea bargain restrictions and new alcohol and substance abuse screening and assessment procedures	5/22/07
VHS OR DVD	<u>Fire District Accountability Don't Be Alarmed: Understanding the New Requirements</u> - Cosponsored with the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York, this program provides resources for information on the legislation. Topics include the new training requirements curriculum, implementing the statute on districts' code of ethics and budgeting.	3/8/07
DVD ONLY	<u>Fire District Accountability – New Legislation</u> - Cosponsored with the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York. This program discusses numerous new statutes that concern changes including: required Commissioner training, internal and external audits, revised budget process, establishing reserve funds, notices for public hearings and district elections.	10/16/06
VHS ONLY	<u>Energy Costs UP? 20 Ways to Keep Them Down</u> - Cosponsored with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority provided cost savings tips to all levels of government. Topics included energy and billing audits, how to review and understand your bill and some good, practical practices from turning off the lights to lowering the	9/7/06
VHS OR DVD	<u>Strengthening School Financial Accountability: A Progress Report</u> – Cosponsored by the NYS Education Department in cooperation with the NYS School Boards Association, the NYS Council of School Superintendents and the NYS School Business Officials. This program was designed to help school district officials understand the new law, learn implementation strategies, and locate resources and assistance.	5/24/06
VHS ONLY	<u>Fire District Accountability: Using Procurement Practices to Maintain Public Trust</u> - Cosponsored with the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York, Inc. This program was designed for all fire district officials who participate in the purchasing-procurement process. Topics include bidding process, bidding thresholds, exceptions to the bidding process and procedures when bidding is not necessary. We also identify some best practices and ways fire districts can save money by purchasing cooperatively.	3/16/06
VHS ONLY	<u>Fire District Management: Travel Policies & Procedures- Don't Get Tripped Up</u> - Cosponsored with the New York State Association of Fire Districts. Topics of interest include: The District's Tone at the Top, Statutory Authority, Permissible Travel Costs, Key Audit Findings, Pre and Post Travel Procedures, and much more.	9/28/05

Video Format	TOPIC	Broadcast Date
VHS ONLY	<p><u>Local Government Cooperation: Get on Board - We'll Show You How</u> - Cosponsored with the Cornell Local Government Program and the NYS Commission on Rural Resources. A panel of experts and local officials will share insights on how to reduce costs and improve the quality of services by using inter-municipal cooperation agreements. They will provide valuable information on where and how to start, available resources, as well as how to avoid losing the momentum.</p>	5/23/05
VHS ONLY	<p><u>Summary Proceedings: What Every Court Should Know</u> - Cosponsored with the Office of Court Administration. This program for town and village justices and justice court clerks is on handling landlord evictions under Summary Proceedings. This will includes pre-taped segments with examples of actual situations.</p>	3/31/05
VHS ONLY	<p><u>Fire District Management: Roles & Responsibilities-Powers & Duties</u> - Cosponsored with the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York, Inc. - A program covering and clarifying the roles and responsibilities of fire district commissioners, secretaries and treasurers. The topics include organizational meetings, appointments, fiscal management, budget, spending limits, procurement, records & minutes.</p>	2/8/05
VHS ONLY	<p><u>Town Board & Town Clerks Working Together: Whose Job is It?</u> - Cosponsored with the Association of Towns of the State of New York and the NYS Association of Town Clerks. This teleconference is mainly for town clerks and town boards on their connected or shared duties and responsibilities. There are several things town clerks are required to do that hinge upon the town board handling properly and vice versa. The discussion will clarify and recommend best practices for these key responsibilities that often seem like gray areas and are often misunderstood. The panelists will discuss these key areas including</p>	12/6/04
VHS ONLY	<p><u>Turn Your Downtown Around: Tips, Tools & Money</u> - Cosponsored with the Lieutenant Governor, Mary O. Donohue's Quality Communities Initiative. This teleconference is for all local officials and community leaders as well as others interested in economic development and planning. The teleconference is focused on providing tools to help municipalities plan for revitalization and then implementation. It provides information on capacity building as well as sustainability issues. Experts from various agencies and local officials share critical information on: economic renewal, funding sources, visioning and planning, identifying what the community wants, Smart Growth considerations and mixed-use considerations.</p>	11/16/04

Video Format	TOPIC	Broadcast Date
VHS ONLY	<u>Cheaper by the Dozen: Procurement Cost Saving Tips for Local Governments</u> - Cosponsored with the State Association of Municipal Purchasing Officials (SAMPO) and the National Institute of Government Purchasing (NIGP). This teleconference is intended to educate all local officials involved in purchasing, including the policy makers, on ways to save money by reducing costs. The panelists will present at least 12 key recommendations for smart shopping. These will include cooperative purchasing, controlling costs in a decentralized vs. centralized process, using county and OGS contracts, financial systems that track purchases for bid limits, and much more.	10/14/04
VHS ONLY	<u>Fire District Management: More about Money & Management</u> - Cosponsored with the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York, Inc. This is designed for all fire district commissioners, chiefs, secretaries, attorneys, district managers/superintendents and emergency medical service personnel. The program is about financial issues including LOSAP, EMS/HIPPA rules and process, financing capital projects, using reserve funds and authorized expenses and travel reimbursement.	5/26/04
VHS OR DVD	<u>Fire District Management: Ask the Attorney</u> - Cosponsored with the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York, Inc. This is designed for all fire district commissioners, officers and attorneys. The program covered many legal issues-including purchasing, hiring, conflicts of interest, elections, discipline, construction projects, etc.	3/23/04
VHS ONLY	<u>Where's the Money?</u> - Cosponsored with The Office of the Lt. Governor Quality Communities, and the NYS Water & Sewer Co-Funding Initiative. A program for all Municipal Officials concerned with funding initiatives for water, sewer and other environmental projects.	10/22/03
VHS ONLY	<u>A Pre-Retirement Seminar: An Employer Perspective</u> - An abbreviated version of the Retirement seminar attended by your employees, this program will give the information you need as an employer to guide prospective retirees. Learn about final average salary, service credits, vesting estimates, filing requirements and benefits registration.	5/21/02
VHS ONLY	<u>Avoiding Conflicts of Interest</u> - Cosponsored with The Association of Towns of the State of New York. What is an interest in a contract? Is it ever prohibited? What is the dollar limit on gifts? If you've ever wondered about the right answers to these questions, don't miss this program. Hear about incompatibility of office, appearance of impropriety, codes of ethics and many related topics.	4/25/02
VHS ONLY	<u>Small Claims - Big Issues</u> - Cosponsored by the Office of Court Administration. Ever had questions about Small Claims Court and the process? This program's for you. You'll get the facts about filing the claim, counterclaims, hearing and post judgment and questions answered by the experts.	4/10/02



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