



TML LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE MARCH 4, 2024 NASHVILLE

APPROVED for CMFO and UTILITY BOARD TRAINING HOURS (2)

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. *Don't Become a Headline: How to Comply with the State Ethics Act*

Speakers: Bill Young, Executive Director, TN Bureau of Ethics
 Lauren Topping, General Counsel, TN Bureau of Ethics
 Alan Dover, Chief Investigative Counsel, TN Comptroller

Serving in public office is a tremendous honor, but it also carries a profound responsibility to act in the best interests of the people you represent. Citizens of Tennessee deserve an ethical, transparent, and accountable government.

This workshop is designed to help you, as a city official, uphold these principles. It offers a comprehensive understanding of the state laws and frameworks that ensure integrity in government operations.

Key topics include:

- **Ethical Standards:** Learn how to navigate the requirements for accepting gifts and avoid ethical pitfalls.
- **Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** Gain clarity on how to properly disclose potential conflicts to maintain public trust.
- **Campaign Financial Disclosure:** Understand the essential rules for campaign transparency and the requirements for candidates for public office to disclose contributions and contributors to their campaigns.
- **Fraud, Waste, and Abuse in Government:** Learn from real-life examples of fraud in Tennessee and how certain techniques may help prevent or detect it from happening in your city.

By attending, you'll gain the tools and insights needed to strengthen your role as an ethical leader and safeguard the trust placed in you by your constituents.

**9:00 – 10:00 a.m. *Secure Your City: Critical IT and Cybersecurity Updates*
*Every Municipal Leader Needs to Know***

Speakers: Bill Piper, Regional Vice President, VC3
 McKenzie Walton, Account Executive, VC3

Designed for city leaders, this essential workshop will cover the latest updates and trends to help city officials stay ahead of evolving cybersecurity threats and compliance requirements.

Municipal leadership will be empowered with the knowledge they need to protect their municipality's operations and infrastructure from emerging threats:



- **CJIS Compliance:** Why meeting new CJIS standards for multi-factor authentication (MFA) and other mandated items is vital for maintaining law enforcement access to critical CJI data.
- **Water Utility Cybersecurity:** Learn about the latest FBI, EPA, and CISA alerts regarding U.S. water system vulnerabilities exploited by nation state cyberattacks.
- **Cyber Threats Specifically Targeting Municipalities:** Understand why towns and cities of all sizes, from small towns to large metros, are in the crosshairs of cybercriminals.