

TMRS E-bulletin FOR CITIES

SPECIAL E-Bulletin 2016 Training Opportunities for Cities and Members



This year, TMRS will offer some new opportunities for city training in addition to past favorites. 2016 is shaping up to be a busy year. We hope we will see you at one of these events.

All dates and links for registration and additional information will be posted on the TMRS website on the [Events page](#) and the [Events Calendar](#).

NEW Event — TMRS Executive Workshops

We will be holding five TMRS Executive Workshops in cities around the state to provide TMRS-related education designed for City Managers, Assistant City Managers, Finance Officers, HR Directors, elected officials, and other decision-makers at cities. Presentations will cover TMRS plan design, the value of TMRS as a benefit for your city, TMRS investments, and actuarial funding to help you understand your plan's costs. Each session will last approximately 2.5 hours, with a light breakfast and lunch served; there is no fee to attend.

We encourage anyone with an interest in one of these events to send an email to communications@tmrs.com and let us know which one you would like to attend. More information will be posted on our website soon, and agendas will be included in future e-bulletins.

The dates and locations for the TMRS Executive Workshops are:

1. March 2 • Austin • TML's Texas Municipal Center, 1st Floor Conference Room, 1821 Rutherford Lane
2. March 30 • McAllen • McAllen Public Library, 4001 N. 23rd Street
3. April 13 • Plano • Plano Municipal Center, Technology Services Training Room, 1117 E. 15th Street
4. May 24 • Deer Park • Deer Park Community Center, Room 6, 610 E. San Augustine
5. July 13 • Nacogdoches • Nacogdoches County Exposition and Civic Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 3805 NW Stallings Drive

City Correspondent Certification Courses

TMRS offers these 1.5 day courses designed to train city staff who administer the TMRS program for city employees. The classes offer comprehensive training that covers enrollment, service credit, retirement processing, and much more.

Three classes have been scheduled for 2016. The fee to attend, including meals and training materials, is \$50.

FOR MEMBERS: TMRS Regional Pre-Retirement Conferences

TMRS' most popular training events are aimed especially at members within five years of retirement. Each Regional Pre-Retirement Conference consists of a half day of instruction on TMRS and Social Security benefits and offers employees a convenient way to meet with a TMRS Regional Manager for individual counseling. The events are free, spouses are invited to attend, and breakfast is provided.

- March 16-17 -- Tomball
Contact [Shannon Lucero](#)
- June 28-29 -- Austin
Contact [Sean Thompson](#)
- November 15-16 -- Austin
Contact [Colin Davidson](#)



TMRS Annual Training Seminar

Our annual training event will be held in Austin on September 7-9 at the Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol. The Annual Training Seminar offers training similar to the certification courses with additional presentations by experts in the pension field. This year, for the first time, the Seminar will include an orientation class on September 7 for city staff who are new to TMRS. Attendance for the entire seminar is \$125. More details on the program and registration will be provided in the spring in e-bulletins and on the website.

As always, cities are important partners with TMRS in helping get the word out about these sessions. In the past, we asked cities to send in RSVP forms; this year we will implement electronic enrollment for members and cities to allow attendees to sign up directly. We will send emails to city administrators with important instructions about online registration. Included in the email will be an invitation that cities can copy and paste to send to their employees.

TMRS held its first Regional Pre-Retirement Conference in Richardson earlier this month. The remaining Regionals scheduled this year include:

- February 25 Round Rock
- March 10 San Angelo
- March 31 Mercedes
- April 5 Irving
- April 21 Denton
- May 11 Beaumont
- May 17 Hurst
- June 1 Alpine
- June 22 Schertz
- July 12 Nacogdoches
- August 23 Pasadena
- November 2 Lubbock
- November 17 Plano



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