



Title of the workshop: Fraud and White Collar Crime in Municipalities

Description of the workshop:

Fraud and white collar crime is undoubtedly one of the top ten “stay-awake” issues for municipalities. Schemes can be simple or elaborate but are only limited by the creativity of the fraudster. Fraud schemes can range from fictitious vendors and invoices, to ghost employees on the payroll, to unauthorized expenses. These and other common fraud schemes can unleash havoc on a municipality, particularly financial harm. Given that prevention—rather than detection—is the best deterrent against fraud, this interactive workshop will provide municipalities, their employees and management with the tools and skills necessary to identify the “red flags” or potential indicators of fraud that commonly victimize municipalities, in order to mitigate this real and known risk.

What you will learn:

- What is fraud and why do people commit fraud?
- What is the profile of a typical fraudster?
- What are some of the common fraud schemes that often victimize municipalities?
- What are the ‘red flags’ or potential indicators to identify fraud?
- What are some of the strategies for municipalities to prevent/detect fraud?
- What to do when you suspect fraud—cradle-to-grave steps in a typical forensic investigation.

Why attend:

- Participants will learn what drives people to commit fraud
- Participants will learn how to identify the potential ‘red flags’ of various common fraud schemes
- Participants will learn about the role of technology both in current schemes and investigating fraud
- Participants will have an opportunity to apply skills learned through interactive fraud case studies

Who should attend:

- Municipal finance, HR and payroll staff
- Municipal leaders including CAOs, directors, senior managers and supervisors who want to learn how to prevent and detect occupational fraud or fraud perpetrated from within an organization