

## ORT News! December 2008



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Hello,

*I hope you are enjoying the  
Holiday Season.....*

Here is what's **included** in this  
month's issue of **ORT News!**:

- What **only** ORT can claim;
- **Tomorrow's** deadline;
- What has **increased 37.3%** from last year;
- **Ask Ann** answers your question to "**Am I in compliance with TDI?**";
- Article about **being part of the group or standing out**; **and**,
- **Holiday fun facts** - **including** what company introduced the **image of Santa Claus**.



Regards,  
*Shannon Skurner*

### ORT Press

#### ***16th Straight Year!***

During these very **difficult months** of financial uncertainty, you **need to scrutinize** who's insuring **your real property transactions**.

So, we thought this would be a **good time to remind you** of the reasons **ORT continues to receive** the **highest financial strength ratings** from all the major rating agencies.

To **read** what **only** ORT can claim, click [here](#).



## Tomorrow's the day...

**Tomorrow** - Friday, December 19th is the **last day** to submit policies and remittances in order for them to be processed and recorded for 2008.



## Industry-Related News & Information

### Going Up....

The **Mortgage Banker's Association** just reported that for the **week ending December 12, 2008**, the Market Composite Index - a measure of **loan application volume**, increased **2.9%**.

Compared against the **same week last year** (2007), the application volume was up **37.3%**.



## Ask Ann...



*ORT's Chief Audit Officer answers your troublesome title questions.*



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This month's topic: **Payment vs. issuing the title policy pertaining to TDI compliance.**

**Question:** "If I have 90 days to prepare a title policy and I send in the Underwriter payment with my policy submission, will I be in compliance with TDI?"

To read Ann's answer, click [here](#).

## Business Corner

Are you just *one of the group*, or do you *stand out*?

To read the **full story**, click [here](#).



## Holiday Fun Facts & Trivia

Test your knowledge of **fun facts** related to the **Holiday Season**.

- The story of **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer** was **originally written** for a **sales gimmick** for the **Montgomery Ward Company** in **1939**. The **book** was **given** to every **customer who shopped at the store** during the Holiday Season that year.
- The **state** with the **largest number of Christmas tree farmers** is **North Carolina**. Oregon is second.
- The **candy cane** first **gained popularity** in the **year 1670** when a choirmaster **gave them to children** who had **behaved themselves** during church services.





The **image of Santa Claus** we know today was **originally introduced** as part of a winter promotion by **what well-known company**?

For the **answer**, click [here](#).