

October 23, 2008

**In addition to the benefits granted to members and spouses each month, the Secretary will also be presenting, for informational purposes only, items of interest that may affect our members.**

**Questions regarding any member's specific situation should be addressed directly to the Fund Office.**

#### **MONTHLY NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FUND SECRETARY**

##### **CURRENT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL EVENTS**

I have received many inquiries as to how the current financial difficulties have impacted upon our Fund. As a large institutional investor, the Fund has experienced the same marketplace turmoil that all investors are facing. The Fund continues to abide by its long-term investment policy of keeping the Fund's assets invested in a diversified portfolio.

I would like to assure all active and retired members that throughout these financial difficulties, the Retirement Board, our professional advisors and staff are continually monitoring the Fund's investments.

##### **CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT & CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT VS. THE CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS CHARITY SOFTBALL GAME**

After the monsoon rains flooded out our scheduled game on September 14<sup>th</sup>, we took to the field the following Sunday and about 700 supporters enjoyed Chicago style 16" softball at its finest. This game was all for fun and ultimately for the charities that benefit Fire and Police causes, including Fire and Police widows.

Our sincere appreciation to the Chicago Blackhawks and their Alumni Association for all of their energy and assistance in helping organize the event and for their most gracious donation of \$5,000 to the event.

We are also extremely grateful to the Windy City Thunderbolts for the use of their stadium, the Chicago Fire Department and the Chicago Police Department for their involvement, The Pipes and Drums of the Emerald Society, The Chicago Fire Department Pipes and Drums, The

Chicago Fire Department Honor Guard, The Chicago Police Department Honor Guard, Katie Basic and all of the families and friends who volunteered.

Thanks to the families of firefighter William Grant and Officer John Knight for helping us support many others from our extended Fire & Police families that depend upon us all.

And Finally, my thanks to all who attended the game or bought raffle tickets to support the day.

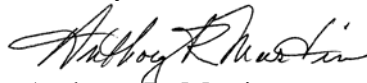
**ELECTION RESULTS**

On behalf of the Retirement Board and all Fund participants, I wish to thank each of the candidates for expressing their interest in becoming involved with the Fund, and to each member who took the time necessary to vote in this election.

The following is the final ballot count for Active Trustee of the Firemen’s Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago:

Timothy P. Gibbons	501	20.3%
Robert Tebbens	155	6.3%
Anthony R. Martin	1,418	57.5%
Gordon A. Jones	44	1.8%
Daniel J. Cusack	347	14.1%
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>2,465</b>	<b>100%</b>

Thank you.

  
Anthony R. Martin  
Fund Secretary