

September 23, 2010

**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**

##### **2009 REPORT TO PARTICIPANTS & FAMILY INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORM**

The Popular Report to Participants for the year ended December 31, 2009 has been mailed. All Active members will also receive an "Information Sheet" which indicates a member's pertinent information concerning family status and beneficiaries. All members should verify that their information is correct and that all required documentation/certificates are on file with the Fund. Please verify that your death benefit directive is correct because the directive supersedes wills and trusts. The City of Chicago and the Fire Department do not automatically update the information maintained by Fund. It is your responsibility to correct and/or provide any missing documentation as issues concerning missing and incorrect information may delay the processing of benefits for you and/or your family.

##### **2010 ACTIVE TRUSTEE ELECTION**

The Fund is in the process of mailing out ballots to all participants eligible to vote in the election for Active Firefighter Trustee. Given concerns raised by participants in the past, eligible voters will no longer be required to sign the front of the envelope in which ballots are enclosed. This will eliminate any concerns about identity theft that several members raised with me during previous elections. Perhaps it might even lead to a better than 50% return on ballots cast. This is YOUR Fund. Your vote is your voice about who will represent your interests in the oversight and administration of the Fund.

**CHICAGO BLACKHAWK ALUMNI AND FRIENDS CHARITY SOFTBALL CLASSIC  
AT HUMBOLDT PARK.**

The Chicago Blackhawk Alumni sponsored its annual softball game at Little Wrigley Field in Humboldt Park. Many current and former players from the Blackhawks were in attendance. The event was a tremendous success and a good time was had by all that attended. THE STANLEY CUP was there and all in attendance had the opportunity to have their picture taken with it for a donation to benefit Fire and Police Charities; including our Ende Menzer Walsh & Quinn Widows and Orphans Fund and the Police Memorial Foundation.

I'd just like to take a minute to thank the many people that worked so hard and contributed to make this event such a success. Jack O'Callahan who played for the Hawks and was a member of the Gold Medal 1980 US Olympic Hockey Team, the Blackhawk Alumni Association, the Chicago Blackhawks, Harris Bank, former City Treasurer and Fund Trustee Judy Rice, Jason Keith, Justine Fedek, the Merc, Sal Ferrara (Ferrara Pan Candy), the Chicago Bulls, the Chicago White Sox, the Chicago Cubs, the Chicago Bears, Local 2, FOP, The Fire Museum, Board Trustees – Dan Fabrizio, Wally Carlson, Mike Shanahan, Miguel del Valle, Stephanie Neely, Steve Lux, Charles Stewart, Mike Lazzaro and Mike Shields, Police and Fire Fund Staff and a host of other Fire and Police volunteers who helped make the day possible.

I would also like to thank the members of the Police and Fire Departments who played in the game and everyone who supported the event with a donation or the purchase of a ticket.

Thank you.



Anthony R. Martin  
Fund Secretary

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