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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

LEGISLATION

Two bills have passed the Illinois House and Senate and are awaiting the Governor's signature. They are as follows:

1. HB 1291
 - a). Section 6-210.4 – Active firefighters and paramedics may purchase up to 24 months of prior military service. Members must pay all actuarially determined required contributions and interest.
2. SB 1705
 - a). Section 6-153 – Re-exams for members on disability at least once a year or such longer period as determined by the Board.
 - b). Section 6-159 – Refund Re-entry
Members who have separated from service, taken a refund of contributions and have re-entered service have within 2 years from the date of re-entry or by January 1, 2011 to repay those refunds including actuarially assumed interest from date of refund to date of repayment. The Fund is now required to utilize the re-entry date for all pension purposes for any participant that does not repay such a refund within the prescribed period.
 - c). Section 6-210.1 – Paramedic accumulated service in Article 8 Fund
Any member who had previous credit for Paramedic service within the Article 8 Fund may apply to purchase such service credit in The Firemen's Fund by January 1, 2010. They will be required to make payments of restated employee contributions for the service period including actuarially determined interest.

- d). Section 6-210.1 – A fireman who had previously worked as an employee of the Chicago Fire Department during the period 1970-1983 and did not participate in any pension fund buy establish service credit by making the actuarially determined employee and employer contributions plus interest to the date of payment.
- e). Section 6-210.2 – The Municipal Fund is required to transfer the employer’s payment and interest for any such applicable service credit purchases.
- f). Section 6-227 – Any active member can transfer up to 10 years of creditable service from Article 4 (Downstate Fire Service) within 5 years. Any member purchasing service credit under this section is responsible for contributions and actuarially determined interest. The corresponding Article 4 municipality shall transfer employer contributions.
- g). Section 6-228 – Subrogation against 3rd parties in third party lawsuits.

Once signed into law the Fund will provide further information, including the methodology for determining payments in compliance with these sections, to members requesting to purchase service credits.

CHARITY SOFTBALL GAME vs. CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS

CFD & CPD vs. Chicago Blackhawks Alumni 16” softball game benefiting Chicago Fire Department and Police Department Charities.

On September 7, 2009 at Standard Bank Field in Crestwood, Chicago Policemen, Firemen and Paramedics will take on members of the Blackhawk Alumni Association in a 16” softball game to benefit our charities. We had a great roster last year with many members of the alumni in attendance. We hope to do as well this year and anticipate several active players being on hand to sign autographs. There will be a limited supply of tickets available. Children age 10 and under will be free. The Blackhawks organization requests that everyone bring school supplies to help assist disadvantaged kids. You can purchase tickets at the following locations:

Chicago Firefighters Union Local 2	440 W. 43 rd Street	Chicago	(773) 536-0450
Chicago Fireman’s Assoc. Credit Union	2453 S. Archer Ave.	Chicago	(312) 791-0834
Chicago Firefighters Credit Union	6230 S. Central Ave.	Chicago	(773) 581-5253
Chicago Fire Officers Credit Union	10231 S. Western Ave.	Chicago	(773) 445-1700
Standard Bank Field	14011 S. Kenton Ave.	Crestwood	(708) 489-2255

EDNE, MENZER, WALSH AND QUINN RETIREES’,WIDOWS’ AND CHILDREN’S ASSISTANCE FUND

Given the challenges faced by many City departments, the annual giving program mailing has not yet been mailed to active firefighters and paramedics. We have been assured that it will be mailed in the near future and we will try and keep everyone apprised of developments. There are nearly 200 retirees that contribute every month to help make the gifts possible to our neediest widows and children. I hope that everyone takes advantage of this opportunity to help the neediest among us.

While I am grateful for what we have been able to accomplish together, I know we can do better. Collectively, I hope that everyone would consider contributing as little as five dollars per check. It could make a big difference in the lives of those who are often forgotten.

I would like to thank Bill Cosgrove who has recently held book signings where he gives out some of his books free to those who contributed to the Gift Fund. I would also like to thank Beverly Bank who in concert with the Chicago Fire Officers Association raised money by donating \$100.00 for every checking account opened with Beverly Bank. Bill Cosgrove's efforts have raised \$992.00 and the efforts of Beverly Bank and the Fire Officer's Credit Union have raised \$1,500.00. Thanks to all of you!

BATTLE OF THE BADGES




On April 17, 2009, the 7th Annual "Battle of the Badges" boxing exhibition between the Chicago Fire Department and the Chicago Police Department was held. The Ende, Menzer, Walsh & Quinn Retirees' Widows' and Children's Assistance Fund received a check in the amount of \$4,900.00 from the proceeds of this event.

ANNUAL SUMMER MAILING

Members should watch their mail for our annual summer mailing including annual reports, and contribution statements which should be mailed out the first week of August.

Thank you.


Anthony R. Martin
Fund Secretary

