

MARCH 21, 2007

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To All Members:

Listed below are the names of individuals who have applied for a 75% Duty Disability benefit from the Pension Board. Their applications will be presented before this Board at the **April 25, 2007** meeting.

<u>Rank, Name, Assignment:</u>	<u>Date of Injury:</u>
FE Ramon Venegas, Engine 101	January 24, 2006
FF William J. Milton, Truck 7	March 6, 2006

Please contact the Pension Fund's Secretary in writing, using the attached form, if you have any information that could assist the Board in its investigation of whether or not it should grant a 75% disability benefit to any of the above individuals.

The Board can subpoena witnesses (Illinois Revised Statutes, Article 6-189) and compel them to attend and testify before it upon any matter concerning the Fund. Your cooperation will help maintain the integrity of the Pension Fund.

Anthony Martin, Secretary

NAME _____ ADDRESS

PHONE _____ COMPANY ASSIGNMENT

NAME OF APPLICANT

NAME/S OF WITNESS/ES

FORWARD TO: Secretary
Firemen's Annuity & Benefit Fund
20 South Clark, Suite 1400
Chicago, IL 60603

March 27, 2007

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.

INFORMATION FROM THE FUND SECRETARY

All members are aware of the tragic death of firefighter William F. Grant, who died on Friday morning, March 23, 2007. Our most sincere condolences go out to his wife Sharon and his children Kristin, Caroline and Daniel. Please keep Bill's family and the members of Truck 51 as well as all the members of Engine 84 and all those who responded to this terrible accident in your prayers through this time of grief.

Remember that the Grant family and the families of all our fallen members will continue to need our support in the future.

As part of the Chicago Fire Department family, the Fund is committed to providing for the needs of the Grant family.

Widows and Orphans Fund

The Fund was pleased to receive an unexpected donation in the amount of \$68,214.52 from the estate of Sylvia Slegl for the Gift Reserve Fund. The Slegl family did not indicate any specific relationship or reasoning for this donation and is not seeking any notoriety.

All members should reflect on the fact that every act in the conduct of our duty impacts upon the lives of the people we serve in ways we may never know or understand.

All donations made to the Fund are used to provide gifts for our neediest widows and orphans. Each December the Fund has provided gifts to all children beneficiaries and to all widows receiving the minimum annuity.

Pension Protection Act of 2006

The Fund has advised its members that in January of 2007, President Bush signed the Pension Protection Act into law. One of the provisions of the Act allows retired “public safety” personnel to pay for retiree health insurance premiums with “pre-tax” dollars when paid on behalf of the retiree by the pension fund.

We have subsequently been made aware of a determination by the IRS that payments to self-insured programs offered by municipalities do not meet the requirements of the Act. This is going to prevent the Fund from implementing this act for our retired members enrolled in the Annuitant Program at this time. As of this writing, the National Conference of Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS) is pursuing both an administrative ruling to allow “public safety” personnel enrolled in these self-insured programs such as the City of Chicago’s Health Care Plan for Annuitants. NCPERS is also pursuing more comprehensive legislative changes ensuring that all eligible public safety personnel can take advantage of the provision. We will advise all members of any technical corrections of the Pension Protection Act.

Retiree Informational Mailing

The Fund has completed its process of mailing personal information sheets to all of our retired members in our efforts to make sure that all members have current family and beneficiary information on file.

Approximately 20% of all active members needed to make some updates to their information. After we complete all retired members, we will send this informational letter to all members currently on disability. The Fund intends to include this information annually with the mailing of our annual report. All members should remember to update their own information as changes to their family status occur.

Pre-Retirement Seminars

The Fund is conducting a pre-retirement seminar on Saturday, March 31, 2007 and it is COMPLETELY BOOKED.

The next seminar is tentatively scheduled for November 10, 2007.

Dear Participants:

At the Regular Meeting held on March 21, 2007, the following applications were granted, except where indicated:

MINIMUM FORMULA ANNUITIES:

10616 EARL BYBEE, Firefighter, Engine 32, Occupational Disease Disability since March 8, 2003.

Born:	03/31/1944	\$4,577.85	a month beginning March 31, 2007
Ent. CFD:	10/10/1978		based on 72.5%
Retired:	03/31/2007	\$137.34	annuity increment, 3%, begins April 1, 2008.

11857 WILLIE LEGGS, Firefighter, Engine 80.

Born:	10/11/1947	\$4,316.07	a month beginning February 23, 2007
Ent. CFD:	02/20/1980		based in 70%
Retired:	02/23/2007	\$129.48	annuity increment, 3%, begins March 1, 2008.

COLLECT \$44.41 FOR 1ST QUARTER 2007 DUTY AVAILABILITY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS.

13294 JOHN A. MILAS, Firefighter, Engine 32.

Born:	01/30/1955	\$3,088.17	a month beginning February 22, 2007
Ent. CFD:	02/17/1987		based on 52.5%
Retired:	02/22/2007	\$46.32	annuity increment 1.5%, begins February 1, 2015, last one on January 1, 2034.

COLLECT \$44.41 FOR 1ST QUARTER 2007 DUTY AVAILABILITY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS.

12577 PATRICK M. MROCZEK, Paramedic Field Officer, 4-5-3.

Born:	08/02/1951	\$6,385.68	a month beginning February 28, 2007
Ent. CFD:	02/10/1975		based on 75%
Retired:	02/28/2007	\$191.57	annuity increment, 3%, begins March 1, 2008.

COLLECT \$21.29 FOR 1ST QUARTER 2007 DUTY AVAILABILITY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS.

MINIMUM FORMULA ANNUITIES:

12888 ROBERT OSSLER, Firefighter/Paramedic, Cross Trained, Air Sea Rescue.

Born:	02/11/1957	\$3,270.73	a month beginning February 17, 2007
Ent. CFD:	07/16/1986		based on 52.5%
Retired:	02/17/2007	\$49.06	annuity increment, 1.5%, begins March 1, 2017, last one on January 1, 2036.

COLLECT \$109.67 FOR 1ST QUARTER 2007 DUTY AVAILABILITY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS AND 1999 AND 2007 ERRORS IN DEDUCTIONS.

10343 ROBERT VALENTINAS, Firefighter, Truck 31, Occupational Disease Disability since August 5, 1999.

Born:	03/08/1947	\$4,901.81	a month beginning March 8, 2007
Ent. CFD:	12/22/1973		based on 75%
Retired:	03/08/2007	\$147.05	annuity increment, 3%, begins April 1, 2008.

WIDOW'S AND CHILDREN'S ANNUITIES:

5257 LAVERNE A. DULZO, widow of Charles L. Dulzo, retired since September 2, 1985.

Born:	08/05/1922	\$2,367.78	a month beginning February 3, 2007.
Ent. CFD:	05/10/1948		
Deceased:	02/02/2007		

5720 PATRICIA GREENWALD, widow of Anthony J Greenwald, retired since May 2, 1979.

Born:	03/25/1925	\$1,000.00	a month beginning January 19, 2007.
Ent. CFD:	04/17/1950		
Deceased:	01/18/2007		

11267 ELIZABETH A. GROGAN, widow of Nicholas J. Grogan, Occupational Disease Disability since December 15, 2006.

Born:	06/27/1957	\$2,318.33	a month beginning February 25, 2007.
Ent. CFD:	02/18/1980		
Deceased:	02/24/2007		

8260 CLARA JAMINSKI, widow of Raymond Jaminski, retired since August 23, 1991.

Born:	08/23/1928	\$1,733.14	a month beginning January 5, 2007.
Ent. CFD:	07/01/1961		
Deceased:	01/04/2007		

4384 JOSEPHINE MARTINKUS, widow of Bruno J. Martinkus, retired since April 28, 1978.

Born:	04/27/1915	\$1,193.80	a month beginning February 17, 2007.
Ent. CFD:	09/30/1943		
Deceased:	02/16/2007		

7068 BETTY J. MURPHY, widow of Richard H. Murphy, retired since May 6, 1993.

Born:	05/06/1930	\$2,308.76	a month beginning February 19, 2007.
Ent. CFD:	09/19/1955		
Deceased:	02/18/2007		

WIDOW'S AND CHILDREN'S ANNUITIES:

6130 ELEANOR SHEERAN, widow of James F. Sheeran, retired since July 2, 1995.

Born:	06/22/1924	\$2,572.80	a month beginning February 11, 2007.
Ent. CFD:	05/05/1952		
Deceased:	02/10/2007		

REFUNDS:

16110 LISA A. BIEZE, Paramedic, Ambulance 28.

Born:	11/24/1971	\$14,995.81	Refund of Contributions.
Ent. CFD:	08/01/2001		
Resigned:	12/01/2004		

12362 WILLIAM R. DILLON, JR., Paramedic In Charge, Ambulance 27.

Born:	06/15/1953	\$28,535.78	Refund of Spouse Contributions
Ent. CFD:	09/01/1976		
Retired:	10/16/2006		

11857 WILLIE LEGGS, Firefighter, Engine 80.

Born:	10/11/1947	\$10.41	Refund of 2006 Errors in Deductions.
Ent. CFD:	02/20/1980		
Retired:	02/23/2007		

13294 JOHN A. MILAS, Firefighter, Engine 32.

Born:	01/30/1955	\$23.24	Refund of 2006 Errors in Deductions.
Ent. CFD:	02/17/1987	\$18,874.04	Refund of Spouse Contributions.
Retired:	02/22/2007		

12577 PATRICK M. MROCZEK, Paramedic Field Officer, 4-5-3.

Born:	08/02/1951	\$123.17	Refund of 2004 Duty Availability Errors in Deductions and 2006 Errors in Deductions.
Ent. CFD:	02/10/1975		
Retired:	02/28/2007		

12888 ROBERT OSSLER, Firefighter/Paramedic, Cross Trained, Air Sea Rescue.

Born:	02/11/1957	\$24.11	Refund of 2006 Errors in Deductions.
Ent. CFD:	07/16/1986		
Retired:	02/17/2007		

DEATH BENEFITS:

10205 KENNETH COX, retired since April 3, 2000.

Born:	09/01/1940	\$6,000.00	to Arlene Kober, friend.
Ent. CFD:	12/22/1973		
Deceased:	02/07/2007		

5257 CHARLES L. DULZO, retired since September 2, 1985.

Born:	08/05/1922	\$6,000.00	to Laverne A. Dulzo, widow.
Ent. CFD:	05/10/1948		
Deceased:	02/02/2007		

DEATH BENEFITS:

- 5720 ANTHONY J. GREENWALD, retired since May 2, 1979.
Born: 03/25/1925 \$6,000.00 to Patricia A. Greenwald, widow.
Ent. CFD: 04/17/1950
Deceased: 01/18/2007
- 11267 NICHOLAS J. GROGAN, Occupational Disease Disability since December 15, 2006.
Born: 06/27/1957 \$12,000.00 to Elizabeth A. Grogan, widow.
Ent. CFD: 02/18/1980
Deceased: 02/24/2007
- 8260 RAYMOND JAMINSKI, retired since August 23, 1991.
Born: 08/23/1928 \$6,000.00 to Clara Jaminski, widow.
Ent. CFD: 07/01/1961
Deceased: 01/04/2007
- 8816 THOMAS H. KAEFER, retired since November 18, 1992.
Born: 08/12/1931 \$6,000.00 to Krista Ruhnke, daughter.
Ent. CFD: 07/16/1965
Deceased: 01/28/2007
- 10876 KEVIN A. KARAS, retired since September 8, 2003.
Born: 01/19/1947 \$6,000.00 to Margarita Karas, widow.
Ent. CFD: 12/16/1978
Deceased: 02/10/2007
- 6846 PATRICK F. LEWIS, retired since November 22, 1987.
Born: 03/16/1934 \$6,000.00 to Susan Battistoni, daughter.
Ent. CFD: 05/02/1955
Deceased: 01/12/2007
- 4384 BRUNO J. MARTINKUS, retired since April 28, 1978.
Born: 04/27/1915 \$6,000.00 to Josephine Martinkus, widow.
Ent. CFD: 09/30/1943
Deceased: 02/16/2007
- 8270 JAMES H. MILLER, retired since August 21, 1993.
Born: 08/21/1930 \$6,000.00 1/3 each to Debra Dyer, Diane Miller,
Ent. CFD: 07/01/1961 and Judith McMahan, daughters.
Deceased: 01/08/2007
- 6154 JOSEPH J. MITKEY, retired since June 24, 1989.
Born: 06/24/1926 \$6,000.00 to Joette S. Mitkey-Brand.
Ent. CFD: 06/01/1952
Deceased: 04/25/2005

DEATH BENEFITS:

10554 GERALD A. MORRO, EMT Firefighter.

Born: 06/21/1950 \$9,200.00 to Deborah Morro Szymula, ex-wife.
Ent. CFD: 07/16/1977
Deceased: 08/03/2006

7068 RICHARD H. MURPHY, retired since May 6, 1993.

Born: 05/06/1930 \$6,000.00 to Betty J. Murphy, widow.
Ent. CFD: 09/19/1955
Deceased: 02/18/2007

8683 PAUL L. PAMON, retired since January 19, 1990.

Born: 09/08/1933 \$6,000.00 to Shirley D. Smith, sister.
Ent. CFD: 06/01/1964
Deceased: 01/21/2007

10170 WILLIAM P. ROCHE, retired since July 16, 2000.

Born: 11/20/1939 \$6,000.00 to Mona Roche, ex-wife.
Ent. CFD: 02/16/1973
Deceased: 12/26/2006

9844 DONALD J. SENKPIEL, retired since June 3, 2003.

Born: 11/23/1942 \$6,000.00 to Debra A. Lukasiewicz, step-daughter.
Ent. CFD: 04/16/1970
Deceased: 12/13/2006

6130 JAMES F. SHEERAN, retired since July 2, 1995.

Born: 06/22/1924 \$6,000.00 to Eleanor H. Sheeran, widow.
Ent. CFD: 05/05/1952
Deceased: 02/10/2007

4444 ROBERT F. ZIEGLER, retired since April 2, 1974.

Born: 12/09/1920 \$6,000.00 to Robert F. Ziegler, son and guardian.
Ent. CFD: 01/10/1944
Ent. CFD: 02/15/2007

BENEFIT RECALCULATIONS:REFUND ERRORS IN DEDUCTIONS:

10511 ROBERT DAVIS – MFA since 11/2/06 – Refund \$352.02
11832 THOMAS GRECO - Occupational disease disability since 12/2/06 – Refund \$2721.98
09395 JOSEPH KLEM – MFA since 6/29/04 – Refund \$92.78
11859 PHILIP LESHER – Duty Disability since 12/15/06 – Refund \$2774.15
11371 MICHAEL OCONNELL – MFA since 3/29/06 – Refund \$68.05
11433 JOSEPH SUMMERVILLE – MFA since 4/14/06 – Refund \$314.61

GIFT FUND DONATIONS:GIFT FUND DONATIONS FOR FEBRUARY, 2007:

\$25.00	Robert & Kathleen Martin
\$75.00	Joe Fiorito
\$78.00	Brother Houlihan
\$100.00	Rachel B. Russell
\$120.00	Brother Heenan

MONTHLY GIFT FUND DONATIONS FOR FEBRUARY, 2007:

\$5.00	Marianne K. Kelly
\$10.00	William F. Calkins
\$10.00	Sidney Dembowski
\$10.00	Margaret T. Hopewell
\$10.00	Sheri Murbach
\$10.00	Elizabeth A. Tinaglia
\$25.00	Thomas F. Moran
\$25.00	Daniel J. Bracken
\$25.00	Robert Devens
\$20.00	June A. Haus, in memory of husband, Richard J. Haus, Sr.
\$25.00	Marvin R. Hagele Jr.
\$25.00	Jack & Lee Smithers
\$25.00	Lee M. Rodak
\$25.00	Francis M. Craven
\$25.00	Raymond J. Bronke
\$25.00	Daniel E. Buckley
\$25.00	David R. Cachares
\$25.00	John A. Clancy
\$25.00	Michael A. Cohen
\$25.00	Peter Cunningham
\$25.00	Malachy R. Flisk
\$25.00	John J. Gallapo Jr.
\$25.00	John J. Halloran
\$25.00	John P. Healy
\$25.00	Jack P. Jaslowski
\$25.00	John J. Kelly
\$25.00	Donald M. Leigh Sr.
\$25.00	Timothy J. Loftus Jr.
\$25.00	Robert M. & Patricia McGee, in memory of Leo Panzarella
\$25.00	John L. Pemberton
\$25.00	Anonymous
\$25.00	John G. Wassinger
\$25.00	Frank J. Williams
\$25.00	Donald B. Salzman
\$25.00	Carla Douros
\$25.00	Robert L. Dehler
\$25.00	Anonymous
\$25.00	Helen McManus, in memory of her husband, William R. McManus
\$25.00	Rose A. Mohr, in memory of her husband, Frank A. Pils
\$25.00	Joan M. Marcellino, in memory of her husband, Joseph Marcellino
\$25.00	Dorothy Ormond, in memory of her husband, John T. Ormond
\$25.00	Helen C. Carroll, in memory of her husband, James J. Carroll
\$25.00	Jean Swierczynski, in memory of husband Lt. Aldo Simioni
\$25.00	Leo Cox
\$25.00	William Graves
\$25.00	Ruth I. McGraw

GIFT FUND DONATIONS:MONTHLY GIFT FUND DONATIONS FOR FEBRUARY, 2007:

\$25.00	Anthony P. Thomas
\$25.00	Thomas Cunnane
\$25.00	William A. Hayes, Honorary member of Engine 65/Truck 52
\$25.00	James J. Loughney
\$25.00	Michael E. Hein
\$25.00	Patrick J. Moran
\$25.00	Lawrence T. Koscianski
\$25.00	Patricia K. Pemberton
\$25.00	Joseph C. Graber
\$25.00	Susan Schultz
\$25.00	Margaret A. Ryan, in memory of husband, James J. Ryan
\$25.00	James T. and Patricia McCormick, in memory of Ray Hughes and Kevin McCormick
\$25.00	Thomas Barry
\$25.00	Kevin Grand
\$25.00	Andrew O'Donnell
\$25.00	Joe & Leemon Boatner, in memory of Obley Boatner, Jr.
\$25.00	Michael J. Kammerer
\$25.00	Richard V. Paulus
\$25.00	"Ole Tymer" Retired Chicago Firefighters
\$25.00	North-Side Fire Brigade
\$25.00	Richard & Stephanie Gustafson
\$30.00	Chicago Fellowship of Christian Firefighters
\$30.00	William G. Olson
\$35.00	Daniel Sheehan
\$38.00	Clarence Ellison
\$40.00	James T. Joyce
\$50.00	Marian Pospisil
\$50.00	Patrick R. McFarland
\$50.00	Richard O. Sterling
\$50.00	John F. Grant & Family
\$50.00	Mary O'Connell
\$50.00	Austin Kilcoyne
\$50.00	Eileen Coglianesse
\$88.00	Thomas P. Brown Jr
\$100.00	Judith Lux

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE DISABILITY WERE GRANTED:

12216 RAPHAEL E. MILES, EMT Firefighter, Truck 45.

Born: 03/29/1956 \$4,442.64 a month beginning February 1, 2007.
Ent. CFD: 02/01/1983

*The vote was:**Yeas: Carlson, delValle, Fabrizio, Jackson, Lux, Martin, Shanahan**Nays: None**Not Present: Neely*

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE DISABILITY WERE GRANTED:

12575 LAWRENCE W. MURRAY, Lieutenant, Paramedic, Engine 127.

Born: 10/30/1951 \$5,564.21 a month beginning February 5, 2007.
Ent. CFD: 08/07/1980*The vote was:**Yeas: Carlson, delValle, Fabrizio, Jackson, Lux, Martin, Shanahan**Nays: None**Not Present: Neely*

12775 MICHAEL GORDON, Firefighter, Office of Fire Investigations.

Born: 12/01/1948 \$4,277.86 a month beginning February 17, 2007.
Ent. CFD: 02/16/1985*The vote was:**Yeas: Carlson, delValle, Fabrizio, Jackson, Lux, Martin, Shanahan**Nays: None**Not Present: Neely*THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION DUTY DISABILITY WAS GRANTED:9913 STANLEY T. KOTLARZ, Battalion Chief, 10th Battalion.Born: 04/05/1947 \$7,482.62 a month beginning February 12, 2007.
Ent. CFD: 12/16/1970*The vote was:**Yeas: Carlson, delValle, Fabrizio, Jackson, Lux, Martin, Shanahan**Nays: None**Not Present: Neely*THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION DUTY DISABILITY WAS DEFERRED:

11759 RAMON R. VENEGAS, Engineer, Engine 101.

Born: 08/02/1953
Ent. CFD: 02/19/1980The following annuitants have passed away since the last regular meeting of the Board:

Richard H. Hoffman	Annuity	Died February 10, 2007
John T. Leonard	Annuity	Died March 07, 2007
Bruno J. Martinkus	Annuity	Died February 16, 2007
Richard H. Murphy	Annuity	Died February 18, 2007
Robert F. Ziegler	Annuity	Died February 15, 2007
James F. Sheeran	Annuity	Died February 10, 2007
Bernice Beauvais	Widow's Annuity	Died February 19, 2007
Loretta A. Healy	Widow's Annuity	Died February 27, 2007
Violet Herold	Widow's Annuity	Died February 26, 2007
Margaret Kunes	Widow's Annuity	Died March 07, 2007
Bernice H. Rickard	Widow's Annuity	Died March 13, 2007
Emily Rucinski	Widow's Annuity	Died February 10, 2007
Nicholas J. Grogan	Occupational Disease Disability	Died February 24, 2007

**MARCH
MINIMUM FORMULA ANNUITIES GRANTED**

<u>Resigned from:</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Active Duty	4	5
Duty Disability	0	1
Occupational Disability	2	2
Ordinary Disability	0	0
Total Minimum Formula Annuities Granted	6	8

**MARCH
DISABILITIES GRANTED**

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Duty Disability	1	4
Occupational Disease Disability	3	7
Ordinary Disability	0	0
Total Disabilities Granted	4	11
Disabilities Denied	0	1