

APRIL 25, 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 **May 16, 2007** meeting.

| <u>Rank, Name, Assignment:</u> | <u>Date of Injury:</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| FE Ramon Venegas, Engine 101 | January 24, 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

April 30, 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.

MONTHLY NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FUND SECRETARY

Pension News

Trustees and staff recently completed the Pension News which all participants should be receiving shortly. It summarizes many of the issues with which your Fund has and will be dealing with. I recommend that every participant read it to stay informed. As always, any participant that has a suggestion for items that they wish to be addressed in future publications, please contact the Pension Office at (312) 726-5823.

Annual Report and Audit

The independent actuarial firm of Gabriel, Roeder Smith has completed its annual valuation report for 2006. Additionally, the Fund's independent accountants, Legacy Professionals LLP, have completed their annual audit. Our auditors have expressed a "clean" unqualified opinion. A copy of the Fund's annual financial statements, along with your annual contribution statement and family status information sheet will be mailed in June. Please review the information sheet carefully and contact the Pension Office with any changes needed to correctly update your file at the Pension Office.

Widows and Orphans Fund

Every year the Chicago Public School students participating in the JROTC program undertake a service project in which they develop and implement an event designed to positively impact the lives of people in their communities. Some causes they have championed in previous years include; the March of Dimes and homeless students in the Chicago Public School system. This year they selected the widows and orphans of their Chicago Police Officers and Firefighters.

On Wednesday, April 18, 2007, District Chief George Lynch and myself went to Taft High School to meet these students who raised \$10,097.35. Chief Lynch and myself were truly

impressed with these young men and women and were humbled by their decision to support the widows and orphans of those who have served our great city.

The photo below shows the presentation of the check on Wednesday, April 18th.



Dear Participants:

At the Regular Meeting held on April 25, 2007, the following applications were granted, except where indicated:

MINIMUM FORMULA ANNUITIES:

11486 FRANKLIN M BLYDEN, EMT, Lieutenant, Truck 45.

| | | | |
|-----------|------------|------------|--|
| Born: | 12/02/1945 | \$5,316.51 | a month beginning March 17, 2007 |
| Ent. CFD: | 02/19/1980 | | based on 70% |
| Retired: | 03/17/2007 | \$159.50 | annuity increment, 3%, begins April 1, 2008. |

COLLECT \$66.61 FOR 1ST QUARTER DUTY AVAILABILITY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS.

10690 ROGER GOSHA BY TONI M. WHITFIELD, Guardian, Firefighter, Engine 104, Occupational Disease Disability since October 1, 2004.

| | | | |
|-----------|------------|------------|--|
| Born: | 03/29/1944 | \$4,577.85 | a month beginning March 29, 2007 |
| Ent. CFD: | 10/16/1978 | | based on 72.5% |
| Retired: | 03/29/2007 | \$137.34 | annuity increment, 3%, begins April 1, 2008. |

COLLECT \$111.32 FOR 2006 ERRORS IN DEDUCTIONS.

11352 LARRY MILLS, EMT Lieutenant, Engine 1.

| | | | |
|-----------|------------|------------|--|
| Born: | 09/17/1948 | \$5,316.51 | a month beginning March 7, 2007 |
| Ent. CFD: | 02/18/1980 | | based on 70% |
| Retired: | 03/07/2007 | \$159.50 | annuity increment, 3%, begins April 1, 2008. |

COLLECT \$57.63 FOR 1ST QUARTER DUTY AVAILABILITY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS.

13380 DONNA M. PARROTT, Paramedic, Ambulance 9.

| | | | |
|-----------|------------|------------|---|
| Born: | 07/03/1942 | \$3,032.28 | a month beginning March 18, 2007 |
| Ent. CFD: | 03/03/1987 | | based on 52.5% |
| Retired: | 03/18/2007 | \$90.97 | annuity increment, 3% begins April 1, 2008. |

COLLECT \$26.69 FOR 1ST QUARTER 2007 DUTY AVAILABILITY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS.

MINIMUM FORMULA ANNUITIES:

11179 MARTIN J. WIRTZ, EMT Battalion Chief, Headquarters.

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|-----------|------------|------------|--|
| Born: | 04/24/1954 | \$7,035.79 | a month beginning March 2, 2007 |
| Ent. CFD: | 02/01/1977 | | based on 75% |
| Retired: | 03/02/2007 | \$211.07 | annuity increment 3% begins May 1, 2009 |

COLLECT \$66.61 FOR 1ST QUARTER 2007 DUTY AVAILABILITY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS.EARNED ANNUITY:

14817 JOAN B. BUTLER, Firefighter, Engine 9.

| | | | |
|-----------|------------|------------|---|
| Born: | 03/11/1944 | \$1,888.63 | a month beginning March 10, 2007 |
| Ent. CFD: | 10/16/1995 | | based on 34% |
| Retired: | 03/10/2007 | \$56.66 | annuity increment, 3%, begins April 1, 2008. |

COLLECT \$66.61 FOR 1ST QUARTER DUTY AVAILABILITY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS.WIDOW'S AND CHILDREN'S ANNUITIES:

10876 MARGARITA A. KARAS, widow of Kevin A. Karas, retired since September 8, 2003.

| | | | |
|-----------|------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Born: | 01/19/1947 | \$2,129.80 | a month beginning February 11, 2007. |
| Ent. CFD: | 12/16/1978 | | |
| Deceased: | 02/10/2007 | | |

6942 DIANE E. LEONARD, widow of John T. Leonard, retired since October 25, 1991.

| | | | |
|-----------|------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| Born: | 10/25/1928 | \$2,221.24 | a month beginning March 8, 2007. |
| Ent. CFD: | 08/16/1955 | | |
| Deceased: | 03/07/2007 | | |

CHILD'S ANNUITY:

11267 NICHOLE GROGAN BY CHRISTINE GROGAN, mother. Minor child of Nicholas J. Grogan, Occupational Disease Disability since December 15, 2006.

| | | | |
|-----------|------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Born: | 06/27/1957 | \$706.53 | a month beginning February 25, 2007. |
| Ent. CFD: | 02/18/1980 | | |
| Deceased: | 02/24/2007 | | |

REFUNDS:

11486 FRANKLIN M BLYDEN, EMT, Lieutenant, Truck 45.

| | | | |
|-----------|------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Born: | 12/02/1945 | \$29.73 | Refund of 2006 Errors in Deductions. |
| Ent. CFD: | 02/19/1980 | | |
| Retired: | 03/17/2007 | | |

14817 JOAN B. BUTLER, Firefighter, Engine 9.

| | | | |
|-----------|------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Born: | 03/11/1944 | \$35.50 | Refund of 2006 Errors in Deductions. |
| Ent. CFD: | 10/16/1995 | | |
| Retired: | 03/10/2007 | | |

10690 ROGER GOSHA BY TONI M. WHITFIELD, Firefighter, Engine 104, Occupational Disease Disability since October 1, 2004.

Born: 03/29/1944 \$20.68 Refund of 2004 Duty Availability
Ent. CFD: 10/16/1978 Pension Errors in Deductions
Retired: 03/29/2007 \$23,496.19 Refund of Spouse Contributions.

15591 RONALD LARRIEU JR., Firefighter, Engine 122.

Born: 02/24/1970 \$24,486.76 Refund of Contributions.
Ent. CFD: 02/16/1999
Resigned: 05/17/2004

11352 LARRY MILLS, EMT Lieutenant, Engine 1.

Born: 09/17/1948 \$19.25 Refund of 2006 Errors in Deductions.
Ent. CFD: 02/18/1980
Retired: 03/07/2007

13380 DONNA M. PARROTT, Paramedic, Ambulance 9.

Born: 07/03/1942 \$16,124.92 Refund of Spouse Contributions.
Ent. CFD: 03/03/1987 \$1,879.19 Refund of 2005-2007 Errors in Deductions.
Retired: 03/18/2007

15331 MATTHEW J. STRZALKA, Paramedic, Ambulance 33, Ordinary Disability since January 17, 2004.

Born: 01/03/1971 \$51,717.15 Refund of Contributions.
Ent. CFD: 09/16/1997 \$14.34 Refund of 2004 Errors in Deductions.
Resigned: 03/18/2007

11179 MARTIN J. WIRTZ, EMT Battalion Chief, Headquarters.

Born: 04/24/1954 \$81.51 Refund of 2006 Errors in Deductions.
Ent. CFD: 02/01/1977
Retired: 03/02/2007

DEATH BENEFITS:

13091 WILLIAM F. GRANT, Firefighter, Truck 51.

Born: 03/15/1963 \$12,000.00 to Sharon K. Grant, widow.
Ent. CFD: 11/01/1986
Deceased: 03/23/2007

6942 JOHN T. LEONARD, retired since October 25, 1991.

Born: 10/25/1928 \$6,000.00 to Diane E. Leonard, widow.
Ent. CFD: 08/16/1955
Deceased: 03/07/2007

7100 BERNARD WATERS, retired since May 21, 1980.

Born: 06/28/1921 \$6,000.00 ¼ each to James Waters, Eileen Kaster,
Ent. CFD: 09/19/1955 William Waters, and Margaret M. Hassan,
Deceased: 06/26/2006 children.

BENEFIT RECALCULATIONS:

REFUND OF ERRORS IN DEDUCTIONS:

13294 JOHN MILAS, Minimum Formula Annuity since February 22, 2007. Refund of 2007 Errors in Deductions \$149.69.

12888 ROBERT OSSLER, Minimum Formula Annuity since February 17, 2007. Refund of 2007 Errors in Deductions \$23.80.

COLLECT ERRORS IN DEDUCTIONS:

8979 CLARENCE ELLISON, Minimum Formula Annuity since November 30, 1994. Collect 2006 Retro Errors in Deductions \$192.45.

RESIDE OUT OF STATE:

12778 PETER E. HANSEN, Duty Disability since October 10, 2006.

GIFT FUND: (INFORMATION ONLY)GIFT FUND DONATIONS FOR MARCH, 2007:

| | |
|----------|---|
| \$25.00 | Robert & Mary Kubiak |
| \$25.00 | Robert & Kathleen Martin |
| \$50.00 | Brother Twardak |
| \$50.00 | Wilbert & Mary Kalk, in memory of Pat Lynn |
| \$60.00 | Brother O'Connell |
| \$60.00 | Edwin F. Paulsen |
| \$100.00 | Anthony & Bridget Martin, in memory of William F. Grant |
| \$100.00 | Catherine A. Airola, in loving memory of Lee Airola's Birthday 3/27 |
| \$100.00 | John R. Keller, in memory of William Grant |

MONTHLY GIFT FUND DONATIONS FOR MARCH, 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 |
| \$20.00 | June A. Haus, in memory of husband, Richard J. Haus, Sr. |
| \$25.00 | Bruce & Mooney Kammier, in memory of Jim Buckley & Jan |
| \$25.00 | Thomas F. Moran |
| \$25.00 | Daniel J. Bracken |
| \$25.00 | Robert Devens |
| \$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 |

GIFT FUND: (INFORMATION ONLY)MONTHLY GIFT FUND DONATIONS FOR MARCH, 2007:

| | |
|---------|--|
| \$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 |
| \$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 | "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 |
| \$40.00 | James T. Joyce |
| \$50.00 | Clarence E. Ellison |

GIFT FUND: (INFORMATION ONLY)MONTHLY GIFT FUND DONATIONS FOR MARCH, 2007:

| | |
|----------|------------------------|
| \$50.00 | Richard Paulus |
| \$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 APPLICATION FOR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE DISABILITY WAS GRANTED:11908 KEVIN WARD, Lieutenant, 2nd District Relief.

| | | |
|----------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| Born: 12/08/1956 | \$5,210.61 | a month beginning March 7, 2007. |
| Ent. CFD: 02/20/1980 | \$30.00 | a month for minor child, Eileen. |

*The vote was:**Yeas: Carlson, del Valle, Fabrizio, Jackson, Lux, Martin, Neely, Shanahan**Nays: None*THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION FOR DUTY DISABILITY WAS GRANTED:

14505 WILLIAM J. MILTON, Firefighter, Truck 7.

| | | |
|----------------------|------------|---|
| Born: 09/04/1960 | \$4,598.50 | a month beginning March 5, 2007. |
| Ent. CFD: 12/01/1992 | \$30.00 | a month each for minor children, Sean and Ryan. |

*The vote was:**Yeas: Carlson, del Valle, Fabrizio, Jackson, Lux, Martin, Neely, Shanahan**Nays: None*THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION DUTY DISABILITY WAS DEFERRED:

11759 RAMON R. VENEGAS, Engineer, Engine 101.

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|----------------------|
| Born: 08/02/1953 |
| Ent. CFD: 02/19/1980 |

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION FOR HANDICAPPED CHILD'S ANNUITY BENEFITS WAS GRANTED:

11735 MARGARET SPENCER BY NELLA SPENCER, mother. Child of William E. Spencer,
Firefighter, Engine 96, retired since April 7, 2001.

Born: 03/28/1951 \$706.53 a month beginning March 30, 2007.
Ent. CFD: 03/03/1980
Deceased: 03/29/2007

The vote was:

Yeas: Carlson, del Valle, Fabrizio, Jackson, Lux, Martin, Neely, Shanahan

Nays: None

The following annuitants have passed away since the last regular meeting of the Board:

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Robert C. Bergmann | Annuity | Died March 16, 2007 |
| Charles F. Brady | Annuity | Died March 23, 2007 |
| Thomas R. Hilden | Annuity | Died March 17, 2007 |
| Robert J. Carlson | Annuity | Died April 02, 2007 |
| Dean J. Forchione | Annuity | Died March 02, 2007 |
| William D. Hurley | Annuity | Died March 23, 2007 |
| Frank P. Kania | Annuity | Died March 29, 2007 |
| Raymond J. Koznecki | Annuity | Died March 16, 2007 |
| Raymond T. McNamara | Annuity | Died April 09, 2007 |
| Robert L. Pillon | Annuity | Died April 06, 2007 |
| Thomas C. Reddy | Annuity | Died April 12, 2007 |
| William E. Spencer | Annuity | Died March 29, 2007 |
| Raymond J. Thompson | Annuity | Died April 04, 2007 |
| Dorothy Brennan | Widow's Annuity | Died February 25, 2007 |
| Virginia R. Markwart | Widow's Annuity | Died March 22, 2007 |
| Bernice Pope | Widow's Annuity | Died March 08, 2007 |
| Bernice Russo | Widow's Annuity | Died February 12, 2007 |
| Julia K. Smith | Widow's Annuity | Died March 24, 2007 |

**APRIL
MINIMUM FORMULA ANNUITIES GRANTED**

| <u>Resigned from:</u> | <u>Month</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|--|--------------|---------------------|
| Active Duty | 4 | 9 |
| Duty Disability | 0 | 1 |
| Occupational Disability | 1 | 3 |
| Ordinary Disability | 0 | 0 |
| Total Minimum Formula Annuities Granted | 5 | 13 |

**APRIL
DISABILITIES GRANTED**

| <u>Type:</u> | <u>Month</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Duty Disability | 1 | 5 |
| Occupational Disease Disability | 1 | 8 |
| Ordinary Disability | 0 | 0 |
| Total Disabilities Granted | 2 | 13 |
| Disabilities Denied | 0 | 0 |