

**THE RETIREMENT BOARD
of the
FIREMEN'S ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND
OF CHICAGO**

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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 YOUR RETIREMENT BOARD

RETIREE MINIMUM ANNUITY INCREASED

The Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago Retirement Board voted at the February 2023 meeting to approve a statutory increase to the minimum retired annuity benefit consistent with the requirements of the Illinois Pension Code. The Minimum Retiree Annuity benefit is to be no less than 125% of the Federal Poverty Level. Starting with their February payment, affected members will see their monthly annuity increase for the next twelve months by an amount up to \$103.12 monthly. The increase is based on 125% of the January 2023 Federal Poverty Level applied to each affected member's original annuity amount.

WIDOW MINIMUM ANNUITY INCREASED

Also, at the February meeting, the Board voted to approve a new policy recognizing the statutory increase to the minimum widow annuity benefit created by the passage of Public Act 102-0884. The legislation increased the Minimum Widow's Annuity benefit to no less than 150% of the Federal Poverty Level. The legislation became effective January 1, 2023.

Therefore, the Fund is providing a retroactive distribution for the month of January based on 150% of the January 2022 Federal Register level. Affected widows will receive retroactive payment representing the additional amount due for January 2023. This will be a separate distribution from each affected member's February annuity payment. The new monthly annuity amount will increase for the next twelve months to no less than \$1,822.50 monthly based on 150% of the January 2023 Federal Poverty Level.

Members may want to consider thanking Local 2 for its successful efforts in getting the monthly Minimum Annuity amounts raised for our most economically vulnerable Retirees and Widows.

CFD FAMILY DAY

To celebrate the new Bauer Plummer Training Facility, the Chicago Fire Department will be hosting a Family Day on March 25th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. This event is an opportunity to introduce members to various mental health and wellness resources. There will be family activities as well as demonstrations from the CFD Technical Rescue Squad. Please be part of the renewed Family Day tradition! Contact Human Relations - Chicago Fire Department for additional information.

PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINAR

We are pleased to confirm that the 2023 spring pre-retirement seminar will be held at Guaranteed Rate Field (Sox Park) in the Auditorium - Conference Center. Sox Park is centrally located, has ample parking, seating for 120 participants, and enhanced presentation technology. The date for the seminar is April 22, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Please register early with the Fund via email at Seminar@fabf.org to confirm participation - seating will be limited to 120. We would like to thank the Chicago White Sox for their continued support for this and past pre-retirement seminar events.

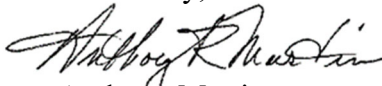
LOCAL 2 ANNUAL RETIREE LUNCHEON

On Sunday, April 30th, at 10:00 am please join current and future retirees at De LaSalle Institute (3455 South Wabash Avenue) for a brunch and learn event. The event is open to all retired and disabled members, as well as those considering retiring in 2023. Spouses are welcome. Topics to be discussed include the Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund, retiree healthcare options, and pension legislation. Participation is limited to 400 respondents. Please contact Local 2 for additional information or to RSVP attendance.

EMWQ UPDATE

We experienced a personnel change related to the office support for the EMWQ Fund. The Directors are aware of the delay in 2022 donation recognition letters being distributed. The donation recognition letters were sent last week. Thank you for your patience and long-term support of our CFD widow's and surviving children.

Fraternally,



Anthony Martin
Fund Secretary

REQUIRED DISCLAIMER

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

DANIEL A FORTUNA, Annuitant Trustee, President
ANTHONY R MARTIN, Active Trustee, Secretary
ZACHARY PENTEK, Active Trustee
MICHAEL FLISK, Active Trustee

EX-OFFICIO TRUSTEES

City Clerk, Vice-President ANNA VALENCIA
City Treasurer, MELISSA CONYEARS-ERVIN
City Comptroller, RESHMA SONI
First Deputy Fire Commissioner, MARY SHERIDAN

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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 03/22/2023 meeting.

<u>Rank, Name, Assignment:</u>	<u>Date of Injury:</u>
EMT/FF JAMES S BUCKNER, TRUCK 19	02/01/2022
EMT/LT MICHAEL K GRIFFIN, ENGINE 121	02/28/2022
EMT/FF KRISTOPHER MATTSON, ENGINE 50	12/24/2021
EMT/FF JOSEPH A SENORSKI, ENGINE 116	02/08/2022

Please contact the Pension Fund's Secretary, in writing, using the attached form, if you have any information 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 before it upon any matter concerning the Fund. Your cooperation will help maintain the integrity of this Fund.

Anthony R. Martin,
Secretary

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ COMPANY ASSIGNMENT _____

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

NAME(S) OF WITNESS(ES) _____

FORWARD TO: Secretary _____

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MINIMUM FORMULA ANNUITIES:

014484 GENNARD D BARBER, LIEUTENANT, ENGINE 9

Ent CFD:	12/01/1992	\$7,652.41	beginning 01/19/2023
Retired:	01/19/2023	\$229.57	based on 75% of Final Average Salary annuity increment, 3%, begins 02/01/2024

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WIDOW'S ANNUITIES:

906570 MARY C BARRETT, widow of JOHN F BARRETT, Retired since 06/09/1990.

Ent CFD: 07/06/1954 **\$3,204.86** beginning 01/19/2023
 Deceased: 01/18/2023

912299 MARY BETH BOYLE, widow of WILLIAM D BOYLE, Widow since 10/01/2022.

Ent CFD: 07/01/1983 **\$5,006.13** beginning 10/01/2022
 Deceased: 09/30/2022

- COLLECT \$26.01 FOR 2015 EID
- REFUND \$25,654.26 FOR 2007 - 2015 EID

917825 KRISTEN BUCKLEY, widow of AARON D BUCKLEY, Widow since 01/20/2023.

Ent CFD: 11/01/2010 **\$2,508.20** beginning 01/20/2023
 Deceased: 01/19/2023

911968 JOAN DRAPER, widow of DANIEL G DRAPER, Retired since 09/16/2018.

Ent CFD: 03/05/1980 **\$5,058.99** beginning 01/19/2023
 Deceased: 01/18/2023

914041 NANCY REESE, widow of BRIAN D REESE, Retired since 12/30/2015.

Ent CFD: 03/16/1990 **\$3,474.51** beginning 01/02/2023
 Deceased: 01/01/2023

910349 BRENETT WESTBROOK, widow of KENNETH R WESTBROOK, Retired since 05/30/1998.

Ent CFD: 12/22/1973 **\$2,698.53** beginning 01/04/2023
 Deceased: 01/03/2023

717825 BRANDON BUCKLEY, child of AARON D BUCKLEY, Widow since 01/20/2023.
 BY KRISTEN BUCKLEY

Ent CFD: 11/01/2010 **\$931.97** beginning 01/20/2023
 Deceased: 01/19/2023

617825 JACK BUCKLEY, child of AARON D BUCKLEY, Widow since 01/20/2023.
 BY KRISTEN BUCKLEY

Ent CFD: 11/01/2010 **\$931.97** beginning 01/20/2023
 Deceased: 01/19/2023

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REFUNDS:

013854 MARTINEZ R CHAPMAN, LIEUTENANT, ENGINE 1, Retired since 10/03/2022.

Ent CFD: 11/01/1989 **\$57,065.45** Refund of Spouse Contributions
Retired: 10/03/2022

018959 RENNY CHOI, EMT FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 16

Ent CFD: 08/01/2016 **\$19.76** Refund of Contributions
2022 RETRO 07/14/2020

015634 DANIEL F ZOLLER, FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 31

Ent CFD: 02/16/1999 **\$205,731.13** Refund of Unpaid Contributions in Account of Deceased FF
to ESTATE OF DANIEL F ZOLLER, FRANCIS R ZOLLER
JR, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

Deceased: 01/09/2022

- REFUND \$332.80 FOR 2006 & 2022 EID

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DEATH BENEFITS:

006570 JOHN F BARRETT, CAPTAIN, ENGINE 43, Retired since 06/09/1990.
 Ent CFD: 07/06/1954 **\$6,000.00** to MARY C BARRETT, WIFE
 Deceased: 01/17/2023

012299 WILLIAM D BOYLE, PARAMEDIC FIELD CHIEF, HEADQUARTERS RELIEF, Widow since 10/01/2022.
 Ent CFD: 07/01/1983 **\$6,000.00** to MARY BETH BOYLE, WIFE
 Deceased: 09/29/2022

009275 MICHAEL E CONCANNON, BATTALION CHIEF, 23RD BATTALION, Retired since 10/24/2005.
 Ent CFD: 02/16/1967 **\$6,000.00** to SHAWN MARIE CONCANNON, DAUGHTER
 Deceased: 12/24/2022

011968 DANIEL G DRAPER, EMT CAPTAIN, ENGINE 22, Retired since 09/16/2018.
 Ent CFD: 03/05/1980 **\$6,000.00** to JOAN DRAPER, WIFE
 Deceased: 01/17/2023

011246 TIMOTHY FITZGERALD, LIEUTENANT, TRUCK 33, Retired since 05/01/2009.
 Ent CFD: 02/18/1980 **\$6,000.00** to EDWARD T FITZGERALD, BROTHER
 Deceased: 01/08/2023

008991 LEONARD C HAWKINSON, FIRE ENGINEER, ENGINE 80, Retired since 10/31/1995.
 Ent CFD: 06/18/1964 **\$6,000.00** to TIMOTHY HAWKINSON, SON
 Deceased: 11/22/2022

014041 BRIAN D REESE, FIRE ENGINEER PARAMEDIC, 1ST DISTRICT RELIEF, Retired since 12/30/2015.
 Ent CFD: 03/16/1990 **\$6,000.00** to NANCY M REESE, WIFE
 Deceased: 12/31/2022

008615 FREDERICK A VIVERITO, CAPTAIN, TOWER LADDER 63, Retired since 10/17/2000.
 Ent CFD: 02/01/1964 **\$6,000.00** to VERA LYNN BAIARDO, DAUGHTER
 Deceased: 11/25/2022

010349 KENNETH R WESTBROOK, LIEUTENANT, FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU, Retired since 05/30/1998.
 Ent CFD: 12/22/1973 **\$6,000.00** \$1,200.00 to MARIAH WESTBROOK, GRANDDDAUGHTER
 \$1,200.00 to MAKAYLA WESTBROOK, GRANDDDAUGHTER
 \$1,200.00 to MAKENZIE WESTBROOK,
 GRANDDDAUGHTER
 \$1,200.00 to ALEXIS WESTBROOK, GRANDDDAUGHTER
 \$1,200.00 to DEKERIA WESTBROOK, GRANDDDAUGHTER
 Deceased: 01/02/2023

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HEARINGS:**THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION FOR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE DISABILITY WAS GRANTED:**

017825 AARON D BUCKLEY, PARAMEDIC, AMBULANCE 51
 Ent CFD: 11/01/2010 **\$5,434.44** beginning 01/16/2023
\$30.00 a month for 2 minor children, BRANDON, JACK

The vote was:

Nays: (None)

Yeas: FLISK FORTUNA MARTIN PENTEK SHERIDAN SLACK SONI VALENCIA

*(Note: Slack voting as proxy for Melissa Conyears-Ervin)***THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR DUTY DISABILITY WERE GRANTED:**

017877 KIM L ELDRIDGE, EMT FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 45
 Ent CFD: 06/01/1999 **\$7,124.75** beginning 01/30/2023

The vote was:

NNays: (None)

Yeas: FLISK FORTUNA MARTIN PENTEK SHERIDAN SLACK SONI VALENCIA

(Note: Slack voting as proxy for Melissa Conyears-Ervin)

014856 KENNETH E LEVERENZ, LIEUTENANT, TOWER LADDER 21
 Ent CFD: 10/16/1995 **\$8,200.63** beginning 01/31/2023

The vote was:

Nays: (None)

Yeas: FLISK FORTUNA MARTIN PENTEK SHERIDAN SLACK SONI VALENCIA

(Note: Slack voting as proxy for Melissa Conyears-Ervin)

019456 DAVID LEE, FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 59
 Ent CFD: 07/01/2019 **\$5,785.63** beginning 01/27/2023
\$30.00 a month for 1 minor child, GWEN

The vote was:

Nays: (None)

Yeas: FLISK FORTUNA MARTIN PENTEK SHERIDAN SLACK SONI VALENCIA

013806 JEFFREY F PORTER, EMT CAPTAIN, ENGINE 2
 Ent CFD: 12/01/1988 **\$9,722.75** beginning 01/25/2023

The vote was:

Nays: (None)

Yeas: CONYEARS-ERVIN FLISK FORTUNA MARTIN PENTEK SHERIDAN SONI VALENCIA

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

AARON D BUCKLEY	Occupational Disease Disability	Died 01/19/2023
LOIS JOHNSON	Parent's Annuity	Died 01/01/2023
JOANNE P SCHIRO	Widow's Annuity	Died 01/19/2023
RICHARD C CARLSON	Annuity	Died 01/20/2023
JACK W CLEARY	Annuity	Died 01/25/2023
MICHAEL J SHANAHAN	Annuity	Died 01/25/2023
EARLE W RUHNKE	Annuity	Died 01/13/2023
CATHERINE GLAD	Widow's Annuity	Died 01/23/2023
NOREEN MCGUINNESS	Annuity	Died 10/12/2022
CHRISTINE MILKOWSKI	Annuity	Died 01/06/2023
ELAINE BRUNO	Widow's Annuity	Died 01/22/2023
VIVIAN P REILLY	Widow's Annuity	Died 02/02/2023
ANTHONY R BEDALOW	Annuity	Died 12/01/2022
CEDRIC L BULLARD	Occupational Disease Disability	Died 02/05/2023
HENRY R MORAN	Annuity	Died 07/07/2022
MARGARET F THORSBERG	Widow's Annuity	Died 02/05/2023
THOMAS J WALSH	Annuity	Died 02/07/2023

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ANNUITIES GRANTED

<u>Resigned From:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Active Duty	1	21
Duty Disability	0	0
Occupational Disease Disability	0	0
Ordinary Disability	0	0
Total Minimum Formula Annuities Granted	1	21
Total Earned Annuities Granted	0	0
Total Annuities Granted	1	21

DISABILITIES GRANTED

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Duty Disability	4	6
Occupational Disease Disability	1	5
Ordinary Disability	0	0
Total Disabilities Granted	5	11
Total Disabilities Denied	0	0

WIDOW'S ANNUITIES GRANTED

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Regular Widow's Annuity	6	12
Compensation Widow's Annuity	0	0
Total Widow's Annuities Granted	6	12

CHILD'S ANNUITIES GRANTED

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Full Child's Annuity	0	0
Child of Duty Death Annuity	0	0
Child of Ordinary Death Annuity	2	2
Total Children Annuities Granted	2	2



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PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF CHICAGO FIREFIGHTERS AND PARAMEDICS

DONATIONS RECEIVED JANUARY 2023

<u>GIFT CONTRIBUTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Thomas Mulvey DBA Atletex Physical Therapy	\$ 1,000.00
Eileen & Lambert Lucietto	\$ 500.00
Bernard & Bridget Verdun	\$ 20.00
M.L.Vincini	\$ 100.00
Edward & Barbara Bright	\$ 100.00
CFFU Charity Fund	\$ 240.00
Gift From Ronald Pontecore Sr.	\$ 1,000.00
Active Member Contribution	\$ 4,137.39
Active Member Contribution	\$ 4,120.39
Active Member Contribution	\$ 4,076.89
Active Member Contribution	\$ 4,045.62
Active Member Contribution	\$ 4,003.57
 MONTHLY SUBTOTAL	 <u>\$ 23,343.86</u>

Anthony Martin, EMWQ President, Daniel Fortuna, EMWQ Secretary, and the entire EMWQ Board of Directors would like to thank all Active, Retired, Disabled and Widowed members that support the neediest Retirees', Widow's & Children on a monthly basis through automatic payroll deductions.