

**THE RETIREMENT BOARD  
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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 AND SURVIVOR MINIMUM ANNUITY UPDATED**

The Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago Retirement Board voted at the February meeting to approve a statutory increase to the minimum retiree and survivor's annuity benefit consistent with the requirements of Section 6-128.4(f) of the Illinois Pension Code. For many this will be up to a 5.5% cost of living adjustment on the original benefit amount. The new minimum annuity amount of \$1,415.63 a month, was reflected in the February 28, 2022, payment.

We also want to make you aware that the Illinois Legislature is currently looking at proposals to allow for additional increases to the minimum annuity amount in the future. The Retirement Board will provide timely updates should these proposals lead to future benefit enhancements.

**VOLUNTEER HONOR GUARD MEMBERS NEEDED**

Chicago Fire Fighters Union Local 2 is looking for members who are interested in performing Honor Guard duties for funerals. The service commitment usually takes one hour and reflects the respect and honor due our members. If you are interested, please contact Pat Quane, Director of Public Relations: [pquane@iaff-local2.org](mailto:pquane@iaff-local2.org) or (630) 768-7259.

William B. Murphy  
Fund Secretary

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WILLIAM B MURPHY, Active Trustee, Secretary  
ROBERT TEBBENS, Active Trustee  
ANTHONY R MARTIN, 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 03/16/2022 meeting.

<u>Rank, Name, Assignment:</u>	<u>Date of Injury:</u>
ROBERT J DEMPSEY, AMBULANCE 56	02/15/2021
FF CHARLES D KLOMFAR, ENGINE 92	02/24/2021
MARK J MANKOWSKI, OFI	02/16/2021
EMT/FF MAIESHA L ROSE, ENGINE 121	02/18/2021
EMT/FF STEVEN G WILLIAMS, SQUAD 1	02/19/2021

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.

William B. Murphy  
Secretary

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY ASSIGNMENT \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME(S) OF WITNESS(ES) \_\_\_\_\_

FORWARD TO: Secretary  
Firemen's Annuity & Benefit Fund  
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MINIMUM FORMULA ANNUITIES:

013840 EDWARD BIRKENSTOCK, FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 9

Ent CFD:	11/01/1989	<b>\$6,743.60</b>	beginning 01/26/2022
Retired:	01/26/2022		based on 75% of Final Average Salary
		<b>\$202.31</b>	annuity increment, 3%, begins 02/01/2023

013847 KIRBY BRUNO, FIREFIGHTER, TOWER LADDER 34, Duty Disability since 01/15/2009.

Ent CFD:	11/01/1989	<b>\$6,752.64</b>	beginning 02/02/2022
Retired:	02/02/2022		based on 75% of Final Average Salary
		<b>\$202.58</b>	annuity increment, 3%, begins 03/01/2023

- COLLECT \$88.81 FOR 2008 & 2009 EID
- REFUND \$171.48 FOR 2003 2006 & 2011 EID
- REFUND \$28,745.51 FOR SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS

011852 STEVEN M KOLECKI, LIEUTENANT, TRUCK 49, Occupational Disability since 10/02/2008.

Ent CFD:	02/20/1980	<b>\$8,161.63</b>	beginning 02/17/2022
Retired:	02/17/2022		based on 75% of Maximum Salary
		<b>\$244.85</b>	annuity increment, 3%, begins 03/01/2023

- REFUND \$160.91 FOR 2006 & 2011 EID

014515 JAMES P SAMPSON, FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 26, Occupational Disability since 09/23/2008.

Ent CFD:	12/01/1992	<b>\$6,752.64</b>	beginning 02/28/2022
Retired:	02/28/2022		based on 75% of Final Average Salary
		<b>\$202.58</b>	annuity increment, 3%, begins 03/01/2023

016546 JAMES F BECKER JR, EMT FIREFIGHTER, AIR RESCUE

Ent CFD:	10/01/2004	<b>\$692.79</b>	beginning 01/24/2022
Retired:	01/24/2022		

- COLLECT \$111.90 FOR 2018 EID
- REFUND \$4,046.37 FOR AIR

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WIDOW'S ANNUITIES:

910215 CAROLYN A DOODY, widow of LAWRENCE K DOODY, Retired since 01/17/2002.

Ent CFD: 12/22/1973 **\$2,750.32** beginning 12/27/2021

Deceased: 12/26/2021

912392 GAYLE FOX, widow of GREGORY S FOX, Retired since 03/02/2012.

Ent CFD: 07/24/1976 **\$3,786.04** beginning 01/17/2022

Deceased: 01/16/2022

908155 BARBARA J GUSICH, widow of ANTHONY P GUSICH, Retired since 12/31/2000.

Ent CFD: 03/13/1961 **\$4,691.45** beginning 01/12/2022

Deceased: 01/11/2022

910063 JANICE STURM, widow of RICHARD J STURM, Retired since 11/02/2004.

Ent CFD: 06/16/1971 **\$3,459.90** beginning 01/31/2022

Deceased: 01/30/2022

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REFUNDS:

015014 LUIS A RUIZ, EMT LIEUTENANT, ENGINE 35, Retired since 11/07/2021.

Ent CFD: 05/16/1996    **\$44,819.71** Refund of Spouse Contributions  
Retired: 11/07/2021

019902 MASHAWN J PLUMMER, FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 94

Ent CFD: 12/01/2020    **\$6,169.84** Refund of Unpaid Contributions in Account of Deceased FF  
to FELICIA TOWNSEND, MOTHER  
Deceased: 12/21/2021

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DEATH BENEFITS:

- 012362 WILLIAM R DILLON JR, PARAMEDIC IN CHARGE, AMBULANCE 27, Retired since 10/16/2006.  
 Ent CFD: 09/01/1976 **\$6,000.00** to VALERIE WEBER-DILLON, WIFE  
 Deceased: 01/05/2022
- 010215 LAWRENCE K DOODY, FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 75, Retired since 01/17/2002.  
 Ent CFD: 12/22/1973 **\$6,000.00** to CAROLYN DOODY, WIFE  
 Deceased: 12/25/2021
- 012392 GREGORY S FOX, PARAMEDIC IN CHARGE, AMBULANCE 39, Retired since 03/02/2012.  
 Ent CFD: 07/24/1976 **\$6,000.00** to GAYLE FOX, WIFE  
 Deceased: 01/15/2022
- 008155 ANTHONY P GUSICH, BATTALION CHIEF, 16TH BATTALION, Retired since 12/31/2000.  
 Ent CFD: 03/13/1961 **\$6,000.00** to BARBARA J GUSICH, WIFE  
 Deceased: 01/10/2022
- 008158 ANTHONY J HENEGHAN, FIRE ENGINEER, ENGINE 76, Retired since 09/07/1992.  
 Ent CFD: 03/13/1961 **\$6,000.00** to, ADMINISTRATOR  
 Deceased: 03/22/2021
- 014792 THOMAS A KALICKY, AMBULANCE COMMANDER, AMBULANCE 61, Retired since 02/20/2018.  
 Ent CFD: 03/16/1995 **\$6,000.00** \$3,000.00 to TAYLOR KALICKY, DAUGHTER  
 \$3,000.00 to JACOB KALICKY, SON  
 Deceased: 07/08/2020
- 010917 DANIEL T LANHAM, FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 109, Retired since 04/12/2009.  
 Ent CFD: 09/04/1979 **\$6,000.00** to MARK LANHAM, BROTHER  
 Deceased: 12/25/2021
- 009409 BRIAN P OSHEA, FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 112, Retired since 03/02/2003.  
 Ent CFD: 08/16/1967 **\$6,000.00** to CASSANDRA ARUHLLOW, LIFE PARTNER  
 Deceased: 12/24/2021
- 019902 MASHAWN J PLUMMER, FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 94  
 Ent CFD: 12/01/2020 **\$12,000.00** to FELICIA TOWNSEND, MOTHER  
 Deceased: 12/20/2021

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DEATH BENEFITS:

015011 RONALD REGAN, EMT CAPTAIN, ENGINE 104, Duty Disability since 11/12/2021.  
Ent CFD: 05/16/1996 **\$8,400.00** to CHERYL DENISE REGAN, WIFE  
Deceased: 12/17/2021

010063 RICHARD J STURM, FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 84, Retired since 11/02/2004.  
Ent CFD: 06/16/1971 **\$6,000.00** to JANICE STURM, WIFE  
Deceased: 01/29/2022

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**THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION FOR DUTY DISABILITY WAS NOT GRANTED:**

13060 MARLON BRANDON, LIEUTENANT, ENGINE 60

Ent CFD: 11/01/1986 **\$8,161.63** beginning 01/17/2022

The vote on the motion to grant duty disability was:

Yeas: None

Nays: Conyears-Ervin, Fortuna, Martin, Murphy, Sheridan, Soni, Tebbens,

Not Present: Valencia

**THE BOARD ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT - DENIAL OF DUTY DISABILTY:**

18977 DANIEL P HESSLAU, PARAMEDIC IN CHARGE, AMBULANCE 22

The vote on the motion to adopt the findings of fact was:

Yeas: Conyears-Ervin, Fortuna, Martin, Murphy, Sheridan, Soni

Nays: None

Abstain: Tebbens

Not Present: Valencia

**THE FOLLOWING WIDOW'S ANNUITY WAS TERMINATED:**

908077 JEANNE FLOOD, WIDOW OF ROGER FLOOD, DECEASED JULY 10, 2005

The vote on the motion to terminate Widow's Annuity benefits was:

Yeas: Fortuna, Martin, Murphy, Sheridan, Soni, Tebbens, Valencia

Nays: None

Not Present: Conyears-Ervin



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

DARLENE M BINIAK	Widow's Annuity	Died 01/22/2022
ALBERT C BLISSITT	Annuity	Died 01/24/2022
CHARLES P BOYD	Annuity	Died 01/26/2022
DOROTHY A THOMPSON	Widow's Annuity	Died 01/09/2022
MARY J EMODY	Widow's Annuity	Died 01/26/2022
LAWRENCE GUZICK	Annuity	Died 01/28/2022
ELIZABETH A GRANT	Widow's Annuity	Died 01/31/2022
CATHERINE R GARRITY	Widow's Annuity	Died 01/28/2022
RICHARD J STURM	Annuity	Died 01/30/2022
BOYCE R COLEMAN II	Occupational Disease Disability	Died 02/02/2022
WILLIAM H GADE	Annuity	Died 02/06/2022
CAROL J SMITH	Widow's Annuity	Died 02/07/2022

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**ANNUITIES GRANTED**

<u>Resigned From:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Active Duty	2	9
Duty Disability	1	1
Occupational Disease Disability	2	2
Ordinary Disability	0	0
<b>Total Minimum Formula Annuities Granted</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total Earned Annuities Granted</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Annuities Granted</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>

**DISABILITIES GRANTED**

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Duty Disability	0	1
Occupational Disease Disability	0	0
Ordinary Disability	0	0
<b>Total Disabilities Granted</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Disabilities Denied</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

**WIDOW'S ANNUITIES GRANTED**

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Regular Widow's Annuity	4	7
Compensation Widow's Annuity	0	0
<b>Total Widow's Annuities Granted</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>

**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	0	0
<b>Total Children Annuities Granted</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>