

**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

FIREFIGHTER CONTRACT UPDATE

As of the date of this letter, the labor agreement between IAFF Local 2 and the City of Chicago is still being negotiated. The existing contract dated July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021, is still in force. Should a new contract be ratified, and the language supports the recalculation of benefits granted to members who have (or will retire) during the open window, the Fund will communicate with those members affected on the amount and timing of benefit adjustments that may be warranted. Fund staff does not have any information regarding the timing of the ratification process. Please contact Local 2 directly if you have questions or concerns on this issue.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Under new legislation sent to Governor Pritzker on Wednesday, May 16, 2024, HB5104, the period during which a firefighter may be eligible to prove a disability due to COVID 19 has been extended from the date established in the previous COVID related bill- HB3162 (PA 103-0002). Upon the Governor signing the bill, the exposure and contraction period for a presumption that the COVID disability was duty related must be documented to have occurred in the period between March 9, 2020, through (NEW DATE) January 31, 2022, provided, the presumption does not apply if the fireman was on a leave of absence or otherwise not required to report for duty for a period of 14 or more consecutive days immediately prior to the date of contraction of Covid-19. The bill will become effective immediately, should it be signed.

As many of you are aware, several bills still pending in both the House and Senate may affect our membership, including Tier 2 members. It is still anticipated some movement regarding Tier 2 members' benefits will be forthcoming. However, with the adjournment deadline of May 31, all action regarding these and other pending bills will be held until after the election and during the late fall, early January, veto session.

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The Fund is often asked to provide education or a position as to the impact of proposed legislation. The Fund's Legislative Committee reviews all pending legislation believed to be applicable to the Fund and its members. We endeavor to communicate promptly with members and stakeholders whenever legislation is proposed that we believe may materially impact your benefits or the Fund.

FALL PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINAR

The Board has finalized the date and location for the Fall Pre-Retirement Seminar as September 28, 2024, at the Wintrust Scout Lounge and Auditorium, Guaranteed Rate Field. The seminar will cover the FABF application process, healthcare options in retirement, social security, wills and estate planning, wellness, long-term care planning, deferred compensation utilization, and overall financial planning.

Please contact the Fund at 312-726-5823 or via email at seminar@fabf.org to confirm participation - seating is limited to 120.

EMWQ SPECIAL RECOGNITION

All the Directors, members of the Chicago Fire Department, and Gift Fund recipients owe a special thank you to the **Neal P. Logue Living Trust** for the most generous donation of \$50,000 to the EMWQ Fund. The extraordinary generosity of firefighters, paramedics, retirees, and members of the community make our mission possible.

If you would like to donate, please visit widowsandchildren.org. Thank You!

Fraternally,



Anthony Martin
Fund Secretary

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ANTHONY R MARTIN, Active Trustee, Secretary
ZACHARY PENTEK, Active Trustee
MICHAEL FLISK, Active Trustee

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City Clerk, Vice-President ANNA VALENCIA
City Treasurer, MELISSA CONYEARS-ERVIN
City Comptroller, CHASSE REHWINKEL
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 06/12/2024 meeting.

Rank, Name, Assignment:

EMT/CAPT JOSEPH F COMITO, TOWER 21

Date of Injury:

05/03/2023

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
Firemen's Annuity & Benefit Fund
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MINIMUM FORMULA ANNUITIES:

015552 JEFFREY A BRENNER, EMT FIRE ENGINEER, 6-5-6

Ent CFD:	02/16/1999	\$6,626.01	beginning 04/29/2024
Retired:	04/29/2024		based on 65% of Final Average Salary
		\$198.78	annuity increment, 3%, begins 05/01/2025

014084 TERRY P GALLAGHER, EMT LIEUTENANT, TRUCK 35, Occupational Disability since 12/15/2018.

Ent CFD:	05/01/1990	\$8,653.98	beginning 05/31/2024
Retired:	05/31/2024		based on 75% of Final Average Salary
		\$259.62	annuity increment, 3%, begins 06/01/2025

- COLLECT \$82.13 FOR 2018
- REFUND \$18.17 FOR 2006 EID
- REFUND \$51,722.23 FOR SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS

016823 COLETTE A LEHNER, EMT FIREFIGHTER, LOGISTICS, Duty Disability since 02/11/2024.

Ent CFD:	08/01/2005	\$4,368.57	beginning 05/10/2024
Retired:	05/10/2024		based on 48% of Final Average Salary
		\$131.06	annuity increment, 3%, begins 06/01/2025

016491 FLETCHER PRESTIDGE, PARAMEDIC IN CHARGE, AMBULANCE 2

Ent CFD:	04/01/2004	\$4,879.82	beginning 04/21/2024
Retired:	04/21/2024		based on 52.5% of Final Average Salary
		\$146.39	annuity increment, 3%, begins 05/01/2025

- COLLECT \$137.00 FOR 2021
- REFUND \$38.69 FOR 2004 & 2006 EID

016740 RUSSELL RACHUBINSKI, EMT FIRE ENGINEER, ENGINE 15

Ent CFD:	05/02/2005	\$4,717.94	beginning 04/26/2024
Retired:	04/26/2024		based on 48% of Final Average Salary
		\$141.54	annuity increment, 3%, begins 05/01/2025

- COLLECT \$16.88 FOR 2006 ADJ
- REFUND \$174.34 FOR 2005 ADJ EID

014522 MAURICE F SOUTHERN, LIEUTENANT, ENGINE 75

Ent CFD:	12/01/1992	\$8,168.25	beginning 04/08/2024
Retired:	04/08/2024		based on 75% of Final Average Salary
		\$245.05	annuity increment, 3%, begins 05/01/2025

- REFUND \$69.22 FOR 2006 ADJ EID

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WIDOW'S ANNUITIES:

910643 TRACY BATISTE, widow of MICHAEL PHILLIPS, Retired since 11/30/2012.
 Ent CFD: 10/10/1978 **\$3,770.86** beginning 03/18/2024
 Deceased: 03/17/2024

914675 JUDITH R CHANEY, widow of ARCHIE G CHANEY JR, Retired since 04/14/2009.
 Ent CFD: 12/01/1994 **\$1,882.50** beginning 03/24/2024
 Deceased: 03/23/2024

908147 URSULA DIMER, widow of HERMAN J DIMER, Retired since 04/29/1993.
 Ent CFD: 03/13/1961 **\$2,592.38** beginning 04/05/2024
 Deceased: 04/04/2024

913934 PAULINE PETRULIS, widow of ALLAN J PETRULIS, Retired since 06/23/2006.
 Ent CFD: 04/14/1969 **\$2,050.95** beginning 04/20/2024
 Deceased: 04/19/2024

915911 HANAI SANTIAGO, widow of WILSON SANTIAGO, Retired since 07/29/2020.
 Ent CFD: 07/17/2000 **\$2,512.33** beginning 02/20/2024
 Deceased: 02/19/2024

910122 MARY SIECK, widow of KERRY P SIECK, Retired since 08/26/2007.
 Ent CFD: 02/01/1973 **\$4,416.57** beginning 03/28/2024
 Deceased: 03/27/2024

910067 CHRISTINE TRAGOS, widow of GEORGE A TRAGOS, Retired since 11/30/2003.
 Ent CFD: 06/16/1971 **\$4,095.88** beginning 03/22/2024
 Deceased: 03/21/2024

715911 NICO SANTIAGO, child of WILSON SANTIAGO, Retired since 07/29/2020.
 BY HANAI SANTIAGO
 Ent CFD: 07/17/2000 **\$931.97** beginning 02/20/2024
 Deceased: 02/19/2024

515911 NOAH SANTIAGO, child of WILSON SANTIAGO, Retired since 07/29/2020.
 BY HANAI SANTIAGO
 Ent CFD: 07/17/2000 **\$931.97** beginning 02/20/2024
 Deceased: 02/19/2024

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WIDOW'S ANNUITIES:

615911 ZOE SANTIAGO, child of WILSON SANTIAGO, Retired since 07/29/2020.
BY HANAI SANTIAGO
Ent CFD: 07/17/2000 **\$931.97** beginning 02/20/2024
Deceased: 02/19/2024

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REFUNDS:

011160 ROBERT HELGESON, FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 16
Ent CFD: 10/01/1996 **\$252.42** Refund of Contributions
RETRO 09/01/2000

019458 OMOTAYO O KASSIM, EMT FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 28
Ent CFD: 07/01/2019 **\$36,624.14** Refund of Contributions
TERMINATION 03/23/2024

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DEATH BENEFITS:

014675 ARCHIE G CHANEY JR, FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 75, Retired since 04/14/2009.

Ent CFD: 12/01/1994 **\$6,000.00** to JUDITH RUBY CHANEY, WIFE
 Deceased: 03/22/2024

008147 HERMAN J DIMER, FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 31, Retired since 04/29/1993.

Ent CFD: 03/13/1961 **\$6,000.00** to URSULA DIMER, WIFE
 Deceased: 04/03/2024

009156 KENNETH M DULEBA, FIREFIGHTER, MIDWAY, Retired since 11/13/2001.

Ent CFD: 10/16/1966 **\$6,000.00** to KELLEY ANN KAMPE, DAUGHTER
 Deceased: 02/10/2024

009057 JOSEPH FEIGL, LIEUTENANT, ENGINE 60, Retired since 07/23/2000.

Ent CFD: 08/16/1966 **\$6,000.00** \$1,500.00 to JULIE FEIGL, DAUGHTER
 \$1,500.00 to LISA KRAMMER, DAUGHTER
 \$1,500.00 to KATHLEEN PURTILL, DAUGHTER
 \$1,500.00 to MARY JO LAMB, DAUGHTER

Deceased: 04/08/2024

007563 THOMAS E MCPHILLIPS, LIEUTENANT, TRUCK 31, Retired since 06/01/1992.

Ent CFD: 01/16/1957 **\$6,000.00** \$1,500.00 to THOMAS J MCPHILLIPS, SON
 \$1,500.00 to MARIBETH HEALY, DAUGHTER
 \$1,500.00 to MICHAEL P MCPHILLIPS, SON
 \$1,500.00 to PATRICIA A MCPHILLIPS, DAUGHTER

Deceased: 04/16/2024

013934 ALLAN J PETRULIS, FIREFIGHTER, 6-8-7/AIR SEA RESCUE, Retired since 06/23/2006.

Ent CFD: 04/14/1969 **\$6,000.00** to PAULINE PETRULIS, WIFE
 Deceased: 04/18/2024

015911 WILSON SANTIAGO, EMT FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 56, Retired since 07/29/2020.

Ent CFD: 07/17/2000 **\$6,000.00** to HANAI SANTIAGO, WIFE
 Deceased: 02/18/2024

010122 KERRY P SIECK, LIEUTENANT, TRUCK 53, Retired since 08/26/2007.

Ent CFD: 02/01/1973 **\$6,000.00** to MARY B SIECK, WIFE
 Deceased: 03/26/2024

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BENEFIT RECALCULATIONS:

915733 ELIZABETH M KROUSE, EMT FIRE ENGINEER, ENGINE 65, Widow since 02/13/2020.
EID Recalculation **\$81.00** Refund for ADDITIONAL PAY

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PERMISSION TO RESIDE OUT OF STATE:

14856 KENNETH E LEVERENZ, Duty Disability since 01/31/2023.

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HEARINGS:**THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION FOR DUTY DISABILITY WERE GRANTED:**

016888 PATRICK S JUREWICZ, EMT FIRE ENGINEER, TRUCK 7
Ent CFD: 11/01/2005 **\$7,403.38** beginning 04/22/2024

The vote was:

Yeas: CONYEARS-ERVIN FLISK FORTUNA MARTIN PENTEK REHWINKEL SHERIDAN

Nays: (None)

Not Present: VALENCIA

018973 THOMAS C MORRIS, PARAMEDIC IN CHARGE, FIELD DIVISION NORTH
Ent CFD: 03/01/2017 **\$6,553.25** beginning 04/26/2024
\$30.00 a month for 2 minor children, JACK, CHARLIE

The vote was:

Yeas: CONYEARS-ERVIN FLISK FORTUNA MARTIN PENTEK REHWINKEL VALENCIA

Nays: SHERIDAN

018572 BRYAN C THOMAS, EMT FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 81
Ent CFD: 11/17/2014 **\$6,419.00** beginning 04/27/2024

The vote was:

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

Nays: (None)

017550 JORGE A TORRES, EMT FIRE ENGINEER, TOWER LADDER 5
Ent CFD: 03/03/2009 **\$7,160.38** beginning 03/16/2024
\$30.00 a month for 3 minor children, AILANI, AARON ANGELO,
AUDRI

The vote was:

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

Nays: (None)

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

DOROTHY J O'DONNELL	Widow's Annuity	Died 04/11/2024
ROBERT J WEIR	Annuity	Died 04/15/2024
THOMAS E MCPHILLIPS	Annuity	Died 04/17/2024
BERNARD C SHIELDS	Annuity	Died 04/17/2024
ROBERT WIEGMANN	Annuity	Died 04/16/2024
MARLENE ANTONUCCI	Widow's Annuity	Died 04/18/2024
LAWRENCE J LILLIE	Annuity	Died 04/08/2024
ALLAN J PETRULIS	Annuity	Died 04/19/2024
JOHN R JOYCE	Annuity	Died 04/27/2024
BERNARD J O'DONNELL	Annuity	Died 04/24/2024
MARTHA L COLLINS	Widow's Annuity	Died 04/27/2024
LORRAINE A JOHNSON	Widow's Annuity	Died 04/26/2024
JUAN VILLA	Annuity	Died 05/04/2024
JAMES M SHERIDAN	Annuity	Died 05/04/2024
FRANK MCCOLGIN	Annuity	Died 05/06/2024

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ANNUITIES GRANTED

<u>Resigned From:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Active Duty	4	27
Duty Disability	1	5
Occupational Disease Disability	1	4
Ordinary Disability	0	0
Total Minimum Formula Annuities Granted	6	36
Total Earned Annuities Granted	0	0
Total Annuities Granted	6	36

DISABILITIES GRANTED

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Duty Disability	4	12
Occupational Disease Disability	0	1
Ordinary Disability	0	3
Total Disabilities Granted	4	16
Total Disabilities Denied	0	0

WIDOW'S ANNUITIES GRANTED

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Regular Widow's Annuity	7	30
Compensation Widow's Annuity	0	0
Total Widow's Annuities Granted	7	30

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	3	8
Total Children Annuities Granted	3	8



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

DONATIONS REPORTED IN APRIL 2024

<u>CONTRIBUTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
CFD Active Member Donations 2/29/2024 Payroll	\$ 3,805.45
CFD Active Member Donations 3/15/2024 Payroll	\$ 3,804.45
CFD Retired Member FABF Donations March	\$ 10,081.50
Bridge Port Rangers SAC	\$ 150.00
Michael and Mary Moran - C/o Chicago's Forgotten Tragedy	\$ 100.00
CFD Active Member Donations 3/31/2024 Payroll	\$ 3,807.45
Firemen's Mutual Aid and Benefit Association	\$ 2,000.00
SQUARE/PayPal (net) Donations Website	\$ 555.85

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 CFD Widows & Children on a monthly basis through automatic payroll deductions.

Thank you to the community for your generous support.



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ONLINE DONATIONS REPORTED IN APRIL 2024

<u>CONTRIBUTOR</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
Brian Kehoe	Monthly PayPal	\$ 10.00
Mary Rose McNamee	Monthly PayPal	\$ 20.00
Raymond Cullen	Monthly PayPal	\$ 25.00
Jim Horrell	Donation on behalf of/in memory of: Thomas E. McPhillips	\$ 100.00
Joseph Mahoney	Donation on behalf of/in memory of: Harriet L Taylor	\$ 200.00
John Boyle	Donation on behalf of/in memory of: Thomas E. McPhillips	\$ 100.00
Patrick Ryan	Donation on behalf of/in memory of: Thomas E. McPhillips	\$ 100.00
Tom Pollard	Donation on behalf of/in memory of: Thomas E. McPhillips	\$ 20.00

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