

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

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September 1, 2023

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

NOTICE OF ACTIVE FIREFIGHTER TRUSTEE ELECTION

Under provisions of the Illinois Pension Code, an election will be held to fill the office of **Active Firefighter Member Trustee** of The Retirement Board. The position will become vacant **on December 1, 2023**, because of the expiration of the term of an incumbent. Ballots will be mailed to all active members eligible to vote no later than **September 20, 2023**.

Please see the posted election notice that will follow or visit the fabf.org website for more detail. All members are encouraged to exercise their right to vote.

FALL PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINAR

We are quickly approaching the Fall Pre-Retirement Seminar on **September 23, 2023**, to be held 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. Members considering retirement are encouraged to attend; spouses are welcome.

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

ANNUITANT - CONTACT INFORMATION VERIFICATION

The Fund has distributed address and phone number verification form (Jurat) letters to all current annuitants. This is a bi-annual audit requirement to establish that the Fund has accurate contact information for each annuitant. The form letter requires the annuitant to verify their address and phone number detail by executing the form with a public Notary. The Union and Fund Offices are available to notarize these forms; all authorized notaries are approved by the Fund for the certification of this Form. The executed form letter - unique to each annuitant - needs to be physically returned to the Fund Office at 20 S. Clark, **Suite 300** by September 11, 2023; faxed or emailed forms will not be accepted. Failure to respond to this request may result in the suspension of benefits.

CHILDREN'S ANNUITY

A "Child's Annuity" shall be provided for unmarried natural or adopted children of firemen payable monthly from the date of death of the fireman parent of a child until the annuitant child attains age 18.

Child annuities will be paid in an amount equal to 10% of the current annual maximum salary attached to the position of first-class firefighter, for each child. If there is no surviving parent, full orphan benefits amount to 15% of the same.

Family Maximums

- The combined annuities for the family of a member whose death resulted from an act of duty, shall not exceed the salary that would ordinarily have been paid to him if he had been in the active discharge of his duties.
- The combined annuities for the family of a member whose death resulted from any cause other than the performance of an act of duty, shall not exceed an amount equal to 60% of the salary that would ordinarily have been paid to him if he had been in the active discharge of his duties.

If the child is disabled (and the disability manifests prior to age 18), benefits may be available in the same manner as child's annuity benefits and are payable to the parent of such child as the natural guardian, a court appointed guardian, or a special needs trust. Benefits terminate at death, if the child is determined by the Fund to be no longer disabled because of the handicap, or if the child marries.

For the purposes of this subsection, "disability" means inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death, or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.

LABOR DAY RECOGNITION

Thank you to the Chicago Firefighters Local 2 members, the Chicago Federation of Labor, and the 300 affiliated unions and their half a million members in the Chicago area. We recognize the hard work and sacrifice of those members, past and present, that make Chicago a great union city. I hope everyone enjoys the holiday with family and friends!

Fraternally,



Anthony Martin
Fund Secretary

REQUIRED DISCLAIMER

The information set forth herein is believed to be reliable but is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness by and is not to be construed as a representation of the Firemen's Annuity & Benefit Fund of Chicago, the Retirement Board (the "Board") or any member of the Board except the Secretary. The information and expressions of opinion contained herein are subject to change without notice. All expressions of opinion, whether or not expressly so stated, are intended merely as such and not as representations of fact. Financial information contained in this newsletter is as of a certain date, is unaudited, and should not be relied on.

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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, 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 09/20/2023 meeting.

Rank, Name, Assignment:

PM KATHERINE R HEDRICH, AMBULANCE 12

Date of Injury:

8/6/2022 (Ambulance 57)

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
20 South Clark Street, Suite 300
Chicago, IL 60603

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MINIMUM FORMULA ANNUITIES:

015690	JOHN E COOPER, EMT CAPTAIN, FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU SOUTH			
	Ent CFD:	12/01/1997	\$7,560.17	beginning 07/13/2023
	Retired:	07/13/2023		based on 65% of Final Average Salary
			\$226.81	annuity increment, 3%, begins 08/01/2024
	● REFUND \$414.05 FOR 2006 & 2020 EID			
014623	MELVIN C COSEY, FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 61			
	Ent CFD:	07/18/1992	\$6,914.73	beginning 07/21/2023
	Retired:	07/21/2023		based on 75% of Final Average Salary
			\$207.44	annuity increment, 3%, begins 08/01/2024
015471	JOSEPH A FREELS, CAPTAIN, 2ND DISTRICT RELIEF			
	Ent CFD:	02/02/1996	\$7,547.39	beginning 07/07/2023
	Retired:	07/07/2023		based on 70% of Final Average Salary
			\$226.42	annuity increment, 3%, begins 08/01/2024
015800	JOHN HOLLAND, LIEUTENANT PARAMEDIC, TOWER LADDER 53			
	Ent CFD:	06/01/2000	\$5,965.96	beginning 05/16/2023
	Retired:	05/16/2023		based on 57.5% of Final Average Salary
			\$178.98	annuity increment, 3%, begins 10/01/2025
014204	PAUL G JEDRZEJAK, EMT LIEUTENANT, ENGINE 109			
	Ent CFD:	12/03/1990	\$8,590.15	beginning 07/24/2023
	Retired:	07/24/2023		based on 75% of Final Average Salary
			\$257.70	annuity increment, 3%, begins 08/01/2024
013463	REED T REILLY, FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 45, Duty Disability since 01/15/2010.			
	Ent CFD:	08/03/1987	\$6,921.50	beginning 08/15/2023
	Retired:	08/15/2023		based on 75% of Final Average Salary
			\$207.65	annuity increment, 3%, begins 09/01/2024
	● REFUND \$204.69 FOR 2006 & 2011 EID			
016673	STEPHEN J SAWYER, FIREFIGHTER, LOGISTICS			
	Ent CFD:	02/01/2005	\$4,086.63	beginning 07/20/2023
	Retired:	07/20/2023		based on 48% of Final Average Salary
			\$122.60	annuity increment, 3%, begins 08/01/2024
	● COLLECT \$117.86 FOR 2015 EID			
015069	TERRY M VAN ARKEL, CAPTAIN PARAMEDIC, AIR SEA RESCUE			
	Ent CFD:	06/17/1996	\$8,931.29	beginning 07/24/2023
	Retired:	07/24/2023		based on 70% of Final Average Salary
			\$267.94	annuity increment, 3%, begins 08/01/2024
016432	RONALD WILSON, FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 14			
	Ent CFD:	10/01/2003	\$4,273.58	beginning 07/05/2023
	Retired:	07/05/2023		based on 50% of Final Average Salary
			\$128.21	annuity increment, 3%, begins 08/01/2024
	● REFUND \$31,774.46 FOR NO SPOUSE REFUND SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS			

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WIDOW'S ANNUITIES:

909687 LINDA CALLAHAN, widow of DANIEL J CALLAHAN, Retired since 11/07/2007.

Ent CFD: 09/02/1969 **\$5,277.49** beginning 07/06/2023
Deceased: 07/05/2023

912479 DEBORAH FAGEL, widow of RAYMOND G KOLASA, Retired since 11/30/2012.

Ent CFD: 03/04/1977 **\$5,276.50** beginning 07/22/2023
Deceased: 07/21/2023

908981 MARY ANN FITZPATRICK, widow of KEVIN FITZPATRICK, Retired since 11/30/2000.

Ent CFD: 05/01/1966 **\$3,473.86** beginning 07/15/2023
Deceased: 07/14/2023

917553 LATOYA HAYES, widow of WILBERT B HAYES, Widow since 07/31/2023.

Ent CFD: 03/03/2009 **\$2,508.20** beginning 07/31/2023
Deceased: 07/30/2023

910476 CAROL INGRAM, widow of VERNON INGRAM, Retired since 10/16/2006.

Ent CFD: 03/01/1977 **\$4,619.79** beginning 07/07/2023
Deceased: 07/06/2023

913116 SANDRA LOVE, widow of ROBERT J LOVE III, Retired since 11/30/2016.

Ent CFD: 11/01/1986 **\$5,042.88** beginning 07/20/2023
Deceased: 07/19/2023

910719 MELINDA MITROVIC, widow of MILAN MITROVIC, Retired since 03/07/2013.

Ent CFD: 10/16/1978 **\$3,628.89** beginning 05/25/2023
Deceased: 05/24/2023

908281 PATRICIA A STAPLETON, widow of STEPHEN W STAPLETON, Retired since 12/29/1993.

Ent CFD: 07/01/1961 **\$2,815.94** beginning 07/27/2023
Deceased: 07/26/2023

913053 CAROLINE YOUNG, widow of RONALD L YOUNG, Retired since 11/25/2016.

Ent CFD: 07/16/1986 **\$4,275.21** beginning 07/08/2023
Deceased: 07/07/2023

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REFUNDS:

014604 RICHARD T WHITEHEAD, EMT FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 25, Retired since 11/22/2022.

Ent CFD: 09/01/1993 **\$49,403.17** Refund of Spouse Contributions
Retired: 11/22/2022

017265 MICHAEL A BRAY, EMT FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 34

Ent CFD: 02/19/2008 **\$130,936.77** Refund of Contributions
DISCHARGED 03/31/2022

019509 ORLANDER K NORTHERN, PARAMEDIC, ACADEMY

Ent CFD: 11/01/2019 **\$2,985.77** Refund of Contributions
RESIGNATION 05/14/2020

009160 EDWARD F FREEMON, CAPTAIN, ENGINE 10, Retired since 06/30/1987.
BY THERESA M PESOLI

Ent CFD: 10/16/1966 **\$2,507.50** Refund of Unpaid Contributions in Account of Deceased FF
to LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF EDWARD F
FREEMON, THERESA PESOLI, EXECUTRIX
Deceased: 11/15/2022

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DEATH BENEFITS:

007001 JOHN M BIRMINGHAM, FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 31, Retired since 08/15/1988.
 Ent CFD: 09/19/1955 **\$6,000.00** to JANICE STEWART, DAUGHTER
 Deceased: 06/22/2023

008711 WILLIAM F CALKINS, LIEUTENANT, ENGINE 7, Retired since 11/15/2000.
 Ent CFD: 08/01/1964 **\$6,000.00** to PATRICK RAYMOND CALKINS, SON
 Deceased: 07/08/2023

009687 DANIEL J CALLAHAN, BATTALION CHIEF, 15TH BATTALION, Retired since 11/07/2007.
 Ent CFD: 09/02/1969 **\$6,000.00** to LINDA CALLAHAN, WIFE
 Deceased: 07/04/2023

008981 KEVIN FITZPATRICK, FIRE ENGINEER, ENGINE 32, Retired since 11/30/2000.
 Ent CFD: 05/01/1966 **\$6,000.00** to MARY ANN FITZPATRICK, WIFE
 Deceased: 07/13/2023

017553 WILBERT B HAYES, EMT FIRE ENGINEER, ENGINE 16, Widow since 07/31/2023.
 Ent CFD: 03/03/2009 **\$12,000.00** to LATOYA HAYES, WIFE
 Deceased: 07/30/2023

010476 VERNON INGRAM, CAPTAIN, ENGINE 70, Retired since 10/16/2006.
 Ent CFD: 03/01/1977 **\$6,000.00** to CAROL LYNN INGRAM, WIFE
 Deceased: 07/05/2023

012479 RAYMOND G KOLASA, PARAMEDIC FIELD CHIEF, 4-5-4, Retired since 11/30/2012.
 Ent CFD: 03/04/1977 **\$6,000.00** to DEBORAH E FAGEL, WIFE
 Deceased: 07/20/2023

013116 ROBERT J LOVE III, EMT CAPTAIN, TRUCK 40, Retired since 11/30/2016.
 Ent CFD: 11/01/1986 **\$6,000.00** to SANDRA B LOVE, WIFE
 Deceased: 07/18/2023

010719 MILAN MITROVIC, FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 2, Retired since 03/07/2013.
 Ent CFD: 10/16/1978 **\$6,000.00** to MELINDA MARIE MITROVIC, WIFE
 Deceased: 05/23/2023

007361 JOHN W RAE, CAPTAIN, ENGINE 71, Retired since 09/10/1993.
 Ent CFD: 02/16/1956 **\$6,000.00** to LORI GRAY, STEP-DAUGHTER
 Deceased: 07/01/2023

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DEATH BENEFITS:

008281 STEPHEN W STAPLETON, FIRE ENGINEER, ENGINE 92, Retired since 12/29/1993.
Ent CFD: 07/01/1961 **\$6,000.00** to PATRICIA ANN STAPLETON, WIFE
Deceased: 07/25/2023

013053 RONALD L YOUNG, LIEUTENANT, TRUCK 40, Retired since 11/25/2016.
Ent CFD: 07/16/1986 **\$6,000.00** to CAROLINE YOUNG, WIFE
Deceased: 07/06/2023

PERMISSION TO RESIDE OUT OF STATE:

15304 DAVID J WELSH, Duty Disability since 03/23/2012.

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HEARINGS:**THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE DISABILITY WERE GRANTED:**

015675 ROBERT J ARENS, EMT FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 9

Ent CFD:	12/01/1999	\$6,174.79	beginning 07/15/2023
		\$30.00	a month for 1 minor child, BRINLEY

The vote was:

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

Nays: None

016998 DONALD M HUMPHREY, EMT FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 92

Ent CFD:	02/01/2006	\$5,944.04	beginning 03/10/2023
		\$30.00	a month for 1 minor child, DELIA

The vote was:

Yeas: FLISK FORTUNA MARTIN PENTEK SHERIDAN

Nays: REHWINKEL SLACK

Not Present: VALENCIA

015632 PHILLIP E WYATT, FIRE ENGINEER, ENGINE 38

Ent CFD:	02/16/1999	\$6,273.59	beginning 07/11/2023
		\$30.00	a month for 1 minor child, ALEXANDER

The vote was:

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

Nays: None

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION FOR DUTY DISABILITY WAS GRANTED:

017216 MICHAEL J VOJTAS, PARAMEDIC, DETACHED SERVICES

Ent CFD:	12/17/2007	\$6,479.75	beginning 05/07/2023
		\$30.00	a month for 2 minor children, PAYTON, NOLAN

The vote was:

Yeas: FLISK FORTUNA MARTIN PENTEK REHWINKEL SHERIDAN SLACK

Nays: None

Not Present: VALENCIA

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HEARINGS:

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION FOR ORDINARY DISABILITY WAS GRANTED:

018589 GREG S MEMMESHEIMER, PARAMEDIC, AMBULANCE 20
Ent CFD: 12/16/2014 **\$3,315.94** beginning 07/31/2023

The vote was:

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

Nays: None

THE BOARD ADOPTED FINDINGS OF FACTS IN THE DENIAL OF DUTY DISABILITY BENEFITS:

019819 KATHRYN M. LETT, FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 86

The vote was:

Yeas: FLISK FORTUNA MARTIN PENTEK REHWINKEL SHERIDAN SLACK

Nays: None

Not Present: VALENCIA

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

ROBERT J LOVE III	Annuity	Died 07/19/2023
RAYMOND G KOLASA	Annuity	Died 07/21/2023
JOHN J BRENNAN SR	Annuity	Died 07/26/2023
MARY F CLANCY	Widow's Annuity	Died 07/21/2023
DOROTHY SIMMONS	Widow's Annuity	Died 07/16/2023
MAUREEN M ZIEGLER	Comp Widow's Annuity	Died 07/26/2023
ANTHONY A MARTIN	Annuity	Died 08/05/2023
MAUREEN F MCCORMICK	Widow's Annuity	Died 08/06/2023
JOHN J SHEEHAN	Annuity	Died 08/03/2023
MARY ANN CERNY	Widow's Annuity	Died 08/03/2023
STEPHEN W STAPLETON	Annuity	Died 07/26/2023
RONALD A WONSOWICZ	Annuity	Died 08/08/2023
JOYCE GORDON	Widow's Annuity	Died 08/11/2023
BARBARA ROACH	Child's Annuity	Died 08/04/2023
SHEILA MCCORMICK	Widow's Annuity	Died 08/11/2023
KEVIN P OMALLEY	Annuity	Died 07/04/2023

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ANNUITIES GRANTED

<u>Resigned From:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Active Duty	8	54
Duty Disability	1	5
Occupational Disease Disability	0	2
Ordinary Disability	0	0
Total Minimum Formula Annuities Granted	9	61
Total Earned Annuities Granted	0	0
Total Annuities Granted	9	61

DISABILITIES GRANTED

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Duty Disability	1	19
Occupational Disease Disability	3	11
Ordinary Disability	1	2
Total Disabilities Granted	5	32
Total Disabilities Denied	0	0

WIDOW'S ANNUITIES GRANTED

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Regular Widow's Annuity	9	59
Compensation Widow's Annuity	0	1
Total Widow's Annuities Granted	9	60

CHILD'S ANNUITIES GRANTED

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Full Child's Annuity	0	2
Child of Duty Death Annuity	0	1
Child of Ordinary Death Annuity	0	4
Total Children Annuities Granted	0	7



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

DONATIONS REPORTED IN JULY 2023

<u>CONTRIBUTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FABF Retired Member Donations June Payroll	\$ 9,849.50
CFD Active Member Donations 6/15/2023 Payroll	\$ 3,966.25
James J. Regan In Memory of Chief William J. Burns CFD	\$ 350.00
Erin Delaney In Memory of Dennis Joseph Delaney CFD	\$ 100.00
Nora Delaney In Memory of Dennis Joseph Delaney CFD	\$ 100.00
Patrick Dempsey Delaney In Memory of Dennis Joseph Delaney CFD	\$ 100.00
Thomas Reisel and Mary A. Delaney In Memory of Dennis Joseph Delaney CFD	\$ 100.00
Sheila Ryan In Memory of Dennis Joseph Delaney CFD	\$ 100.00
Daniel and Janet Santori In Memory of Dennis Joseph Delaney CFD	\$ 100.00
Megan T. Delaney & Martin Norris In Memory of Dennis Joseph Delaney CFD	\$ 100.00
C.H. Adent In Memory of Dennis Joseph Delaney CFD	\$ 150.00
David John Conway In Memory of Dennis Joseph Delaney CFD	\$ 200.00
Delores A. & Mary A. Delaney In Memory of Dennis Joseph Delaney CFD	\$ 200.00
William G. Delaney In Memory of Dennis Joseph Delaney CFD	\$ 200.00
Thomas J. and Geralyn D. Delaney In Memory of Dennis Joseph Delaney CFD	\$ 250.00
Kathleen Delaney In Memory of Dennis Joseph Delaney CFD	\$ 250.00
Patrick J. and Donna A Delaney In Memory of Dennis Joseph Delaney CFD	\$ 500.00
Thomas F. Reisel and Mary A. Delaney In Memory of Dennis Joseph Delaney CFD	\$ 500.00
Lawrence J. and Noreen J. Czaszwicz In Memory of Dennis Joseph Delaney CFD	\$ 500.00
Louis J. and Deborah A. Bertolotti In Memory of Dennis Joseph Delaney CFD	\$ 500.00
FABF Retired Member Donations July Payroll	\$ 9,819.50
The Blackbaud Giving Fund	\$ 50.00
SQUARE Donations Website	\$ -
SQUARE Donations Website - Jermaine A. Pelt Memorial Fund	\$ 96.80

MONTHLY TOTAL

\$ 28,082.05

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. Thank you to the community for your generous support.