

**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 HEALTHCARE ANNOUNCEMENT**

There are two group health insurance plans that are being offered by third parties to Fund retirees in 2022. Both retiree healthcare plan options currently available have been approved by the Fund as options for retiree healthcare for which the Fund is required by the Illinois Pension Code to collect and forward authorized payment of premiums from your benefit check to the healthcare plan you select. These plans ensure that eligible participants will receive the statutory subsidy provided under the Illinois Pension Code.

If you are interested in enrolling in one of these two group plans, please contact the specific healthcare plans at the following numbers: (1) for the City's BCBS plan call 1-877-566-8520 if you are over 65 years of age; if you are under 65 years of age, please call 1-800-292-6398; or (2) for Local's 2 Aetna Plan, please contact Labor First through its website at <https://laborfirst.com/fire2/>.

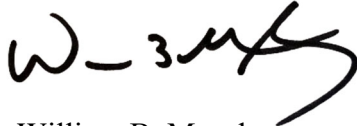
New enrollments, in either of these two group plans, must submit a valid "Participation Authorization for the Payment and Pre-Tax Treatment of Healthcare Premiums" to the Fund before any health premium payment deduction can be made from your benefit check. The required form can be obtained upon request from the Fund or its available on the Fund's website.

The Fund does not solicit or endorse any group health insurance plan, nor does it host or participate in the City's open enrollment process. Accordingly, the Fund does not receive notice regarding any changes in coverage or provider, we rely on our members to provide and update their information with the Fund directly. Please remember to keep the Fund updated timely if changes are made during this enrollment period.

### **PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINAR**

The fall 'Pre-Retirement Seminar' held on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> was a success. We received positive feedback on the speakers, topics, and venue. The Board is committed to returning to our prior format of two seminars annually. Any member on the fall waitlist will have priority to attend the spring seminar. We will discuss 2023 dates at our November meeting and provide details as we get a location confirmed.

Fraternally,



William B. Murphy  
Fund Secretary

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

DANIEL A FORTUNA, Annuitant Trustee, President  
WILLIAM B MURPHY, Active Trustee, Secretary  
VACANT, Active Trustee  
ANTHONY R MARTIN, Active Trustee

EX-OFFICIO TRUSTEES

Vice-President, City Clerk, 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 10/19/2022 meeting.

Rank, Name, Assignment:

PIC NICOLE PANATERA, AMBULANCE 19

Date of Injury:

10/30/2021

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

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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## *Firemen's Annuity & Benefit Fund of Chicago*

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#### MINIMUM FORMULA ANNUITIES:

015080 STANLEY L CALHOUN, LIEUTENANT, TRUCK 7  
 Ent CFD: 10/01/1996 **\$5,986.07** beginning 01/01/2021  
 Retired: 01/01/2021 based on 62.5% of Final Average Salary  
**\$179.58** annuity increment, 3%, begins 12/01/2025

- REFUND \$55.32 FOR 2006 & 2020 EID

014778 ENRIQUE R CARRILLO, FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC (PER ARBITRATORS AWARD), AIR RESCUE  
 Ent CFD: 03/16/1995 **\$5,131.83** beginning 09/20/2022  
 Retired: 09/20/2022 based on 57.5% of Final Average Salary  
**\$153.95** annuity increment, 3%, begins 10/01/2027

017918 ANDRE S DANIELS, EMT FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 35  
 Ent CFD: 06/01/1999 **\$5,530.43** beginning 08/24/2022  
 Retired: 08/24/2022 based on 60% of Final Average Salary  
**\$165.91** annuity increment, 3%, begins 09/01/2023

- REFUND \$73.46 FOR 2012 EID
- REFUND \$37,892.33 FOR SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS

014635 HARDY E KNOWLES, FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 24, Duty Disability since 02/19/2018.  
 Ent CFD: 07/18/1994 **\$6,561.14** beginning 09/04/2022  
 Retired: 09/04/2022 based on 72.5% of Final Average Salary  
**\$196.83** annuity increment, 3%, begins 10/01/2023

- REFUND \$37,710.69 FOR SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS

014160 SHERI L MURBACH, PARAMEDIC IN CHARGE, AMBULANCE 56, Duty Disability since 04/04/2005.  
 Ent CFD: 07/16/1990 **\$7,282.32** beginning 09/20/2022  
 Retired: 09/20/2022 based on 75% of Final Average Salary  
**\$218.47** annuity increment, 3%, begins 10/01/2023

- REFUND \$77.24 FOR 2005 & 2006 EID
- REFUND \$22,816.65 FOR SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS

016738 ROBERT POKLACKI, EMT FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 11, Occupational Disability since 06/28/2017.  
 Ent CFD: 05/02/2005 **\$4,062.37** beginning 09/20/2022  
 Retired: 09/20/2022 based on 46% of Final Average Salary  
**\$121.87** annuity increment, 3%, begins 10/01/2023

- COLLECT \$107.97 FOR 2006 & 2017 EID

014893 GREGORY W TAYLOR, FIRE ENGINEER, RESCUE 6-5-8  
 Ent CFD: 10/16/1995 **\$6,450.80** beginning 08/27/2022  
 Retired: 08/27/2022 based on 67.5% of Final Average Salary  
**\$193.52** annuity increment, 3%, begins 09/01/2023

- REFUND \$45,206.20 FOR SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS

015663 JUAN E TORRES, PARAMEDIC IN CHARGE, AMBULANCE 21  
 Ent CFD: 02/22/1999 **\$5,634.19** beginning 08/19/2022  
 Retired: 08/19/2022 based on 60% of Final Average Salary  
**\$169.03** annuity increment, 3%, begins 09/01/2023

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MINIMUM FORMULA ANNUITIES:

016677 TODD M WASHINGTON, EMT FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 104

Ent CFD: 02/01/2005 **\$4,063.59** beginning 08/16/2022

Retired: 08/16/2022 based on 46% of Final Average Salary

**\$121.91** annuity increment, 3%, begins 09/01/2023

- REFUND \$158.03 FOR 2005 & 2006 EID
- REFUND \$28,588.19 FOR SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS

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WIDOW'S ANNUITIES:

909228 SHARON BEARY, widow of GEORGE W BEARY, Retired since 06/30/2005.  
Ent CFD: 02/01/1967 **\$3,855.01** beginning 07/31/2022  
Deceased: 07/30/2022

907425 EILEEN D FLAHIVE, widow of THOMAS J FLAHIVE, Retired since 11/24/1996.  
Ent CFD: 03/16/1956 **\$4,591.44** beginning 08/03/2022  
Deceased: 08/02/2022

910003 ELIZABETH GIBBONS, widow of EDWIN W GIBBONS JR, Retired since 10/17/2003.  
Ent CFD: 06/16/1971 **\$3,929.94** beginning 08/08/2022  
Deceased: 08/07/2022

906960 GEORGENE NISIVACO, widow of LOUIS NISIVACO, Retired since 01/06/1992.  
Ent CFD: 08/16/1955 **\$3,415.64** beginning 07/04/2022  
Deceased: 07/03/2022

912827 KRISTA M ROBINSON, widow of ROBERT F BYRNES, Retired since 05/05/2013.  
Ent CFD: 02/16/1985 **\$3,625.75** beginning 08/16/2022  
Deceased: 07/27/2022

912032 LOIS WALSH, widow of RICHARD J WALSH, Retired since 11/02/2011.  
Ent CFD: 03/01/1980 **\$3,623.28** beginning 07/30/2022  
Deceased: 07/29/2022

719269 AERYKAH EILAND, child of TIMOTHY A EILAND, FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 121  
BY AMBER CARROLL  
Ent CFD: 03/01/2019 **\$931.97** beginning 06/14/2022  
Deceased: 06/13/2022

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REFUNDS:

013772 JAMES E JOHNSON, EMT LIEUTENANT, ENGINE 127, Retired since 06/30/2022.  
Ent CFD: 12/01/1988     **\$56,575.57** Refund of Spouse Contributions  
Retired: 06/30/2022

011446 LEONARD D URBANSKI, FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 9, Retired since 05/12/2022.  
Ent CFD: 02/18/1980     **\$61,262.43** Refund of Spouse Contributions  
Retired: 05/12/2022

018840 DAVID B BESS, EMT FIREFIGHTER  
Ent CFD: 04/04/2016     **\$44,486.84** Refund of Contributions  
RESIGNED 01/01/2022

018977 DANIEL P HESSLAU, PARAMEDIC IN CHARGE, AMBULANCE 22  
Ent CFD: 03/01/2017     **\$38,122.79** Refund of Contributions  
RESIGNED 07/13/2022

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DEATH BENEFITS:

008618 ROBERT B ANDERSON, FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 18, Retired since 07/04/1985.  
 Ent CFD: 06/01/1964 **\$6,000.00** to SANDRA SHEEHAN, NIECE  
 Deceased: 07/21/2022

009228 GEORGE W BEARY, EMT FIRE ENGINEER, ENGINE 42, Retired since 06/30/2005.  
 Ent CFD: 02/01/1967 **\$6,000.00** to SHARON BEARY, WIFE  
 Deceased: 07/29/2022

009042 PETER S BIONDO, LIEUTENANT, TOWER LADDER 54, Retired since 11/17/2000.  
 Ent CFD: 08/16/1966 **\$6,000.00** \$2,040.00 to PETER E BIONDO, SON  
 \$1,980.00 to BARRY J BIONDO, SON  
 \$1,980.00 to PATRICIA A BIONDO-SOLTYS, DAUGHTER  
 Deceased: 07/30/2022

012827 ROBERT F BYRNES, FIRE ENGINEER PARAMEDIC, ENGINE 22, Retired since 05/05/2013.  
 Ent CFD: 02/16/1985 **\$6,000.00** to KRISTA M ROBINSON, GIRLFRIEND  
 Deceased: 07/26/2022

019269 TIMOTHY A EILAND, FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 121  
 Ent CFD: 03/01/2019 **\$12,000.00** \$6,000.00 to AERYKAH EILAND, DAUGHTER  
 \$6,000.00 to GABRIEL EILAND, SON  
 Deceased: 06/12/2022

007425 THOMAS J FLAHIVE, DEPUTY DISTRICT CHIEF, 5TH BATTALION, Retired since 11/24/1996.  
 Ent CFD: 03/16/1956 **\$6,000.00** to EILEEN FLAHIVE, WIFE  
 Deceased: 08/01/2022

010003 EDWIN W GIBBONS JR, LIEUTENANT, 5TH DISTRICT RELIEF, Retired since 10/17/2003.  
 Ent CFD: 06/16/1971 **\$6,000.00** to ELIZABETH GIBBONS, WIFE  
 Deceased: 08/06/2022

006960 LOUIS NISIVACO, DEPUTY DISTRICT CHIEF, 5TH DISTRICT, Retired since 01/06/1992.  
 Ent CFD: 08/16/1955 **\$6,000.00** to GEORGENE NISIVACO, WIFE  
 Deceased: 07/02/2022

012032 RICHARD J WALSH, FIREFIGHTER, TOWER LADDER 37, Retired since 11/02/2011.  
 Ent CFD: 03/01/1980 **\$6,000.00** to LOIS J WALSH, WIFE  
 Deceased: 07/28/2022



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PERMISSION TO RESIDE OUT OF STATE:

17920 CHRIS A SIGNATOR, Occupational Disability since 08/13/2019.

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HEARINGS:

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

016972 KEVIN A FITZPATRICK, FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 45  
Ent CFD: 02/01/2006 **\$5,615.79** beginning 05/29/2022

The vote was:

Yeas: CONYEARS-ERVIN FORTUNA MARTIN MURPHY SHERIDAN SONI TEBBENS

Nays: (None)

Not Present: VALENCIA

**THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION FOR DUTY DISABILITY WAS GRANTED:**

018436 TRISTAN M LOPEZ, PARAMEDIC IN CHARGE, NORTH RELIEF  
Ent CFD: 08/18/2014 **\$6,553.25** beginning 08/27/2022

The vote was:

Yeas: CONYEARS-ERVIN FORTUNA MARTIN MURPHY SHERIDAN SONI TEBBENS

Nays: (None)

Not Present: VALENCIA

**THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION FOR DUTY DISABILITY WAS GRANTED:**

016785 MARIA H OESTERLE, PARAMEDIC IN CHARGE, FIELD DIVISON NORTH REILEF  
Ent CFD: 06/01/2005 **\$6,993.50** beginning 07/06/2022

The vote was:

Nays: (None)

Yeas: CONYEARS-ERVIN FORTUNA MARTIN MURPHY SHERIDAN SONI TEBBENS VALENCIA

**THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION FOR DUTY DISABILITY WAS GRANTED:**

015920 RYLENSKI R STRONG, LIEUTENANT, TOWER LADDER 37  
Ent CFD: 07/17/2000 **\$7,951.25** beginning 08/22/2022

The vote was:

Nays: (None)

Yeas: CONYEARS-ERVIN FORTUNA MARTIN MURPHY SHERIDAN SONI TEBBENS VALENCIA

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

BARBARA SULLIVAN	Widow's Annuity	Died 05/05/2022
GARY J TAYLOR	Annuity	Died 08/11/2022
GEORGINA KROLL	Widow's Annuity	Died 08/16/2022
RICHARD J VANOVERMEIREN	Annuity	Died 08/21/2022
THOMAS P ANDERSON	Annuity	Died 08/21/2022
ELAINE E COLBY	Widow's Annuity	Died 08/22/2022
RICHARD W BUESCHEL	Annuity	Died 08/24/2022
PATRICIA ANN OREILLY	Widow's Annuity	Died 01/01/2020
ROBERT CAVANAUGH	Annuity	Died 08/27/2022
FRANCIS J CASEY	Annuity	Died 08/04/2022
NANCY T GILL	Annuity	Died 09/01/2022
ELIZABETH SIMS	Widow's Annuity	Died 09/04/2022
EDWARD J SCHUBERT	Annuity	Died 09/08/2022
STEVEN M ZAMBELLO	Annuity	Died 09/03/2022
BARBARA A HALEY	Widow's Annuity	Died 09/01/2022

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**ANNUITIES GRANTED**

<u>Resigned From:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Active Duty	6	47
Duty Disability	2	8
Occupational Disease Disability	1	6
Ordinary Disability	0	2
<b>Total Minimum Formula Annuities Granted</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Total Earned Annuities Granted</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Annuities Granted</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>63</b>

**DISABILITIES GRANTED**

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Duty Disability	3	19
Occupational Disease Disability	1	6
Ordinary Disability	0	1
<b>Total Disabilities Granted</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Total Disabilities Denied</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

**WIDOW'S ANNUITIES GRANTED**

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Regular Widow's Annuity	6	52
Compensation Widow's Annuity	0	1
<b>Total Widow's Annuities Granted</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>53</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	1	5
<b>Total Children Annuities Granted</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>