

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

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December 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

FALL PARTICIPANT REPORT

The Fund is now publishing both a Spring and Fall Participant Report for the membership. The Fall report was distributed during the Thanksgiving Holiday. It is also available on our website at [2023 Fall Participant Report](#).

LEGISLATIVE VETO SESSION

[Senate Bill 1629](#) passed both houses of the General Assembly and was sent to the Governor for review and authorization. The bill which impacts all Tier II members, lowers the number of months required to determine final average salary (the greater of) for annuity purposes from 96 consecutive months of service within the last 120 months, to 48 consecutive months of service within the last 60 months. We will update our website when we learn of the bill's final approval.

EMWQ WIDOWS AND CHILDREN'S ASSISTANCE FUND

We are happy to continue the Fund's support for the neediest widows and children of the Chicago Fire Department. Widows whose monthly pension is at the current minimum and all children under the age of 18 whose parent member died while in active service of the Chicago Fire Department will receive \$1,100 in financial assistance this holiday season. The total amount of funds distributed this year from the Fund and EMWQ will be \$460,000, which will be paid to 345 widows and 73 children. This is only possible because of the Gift Reserve maintained by the Fund and because of the generosity of firefighters, paramedics, retirees, and members of the community who contribute to the EMWQ Fund. If you would like to make a holiday contribution, please visit widowsandchildren.org. Thank You!

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

On behalf of the Retirement Board and Staff, we would like to wish all of you and your families a Joyous Holiday Season and Happy New Year. Our sincere condolences to those who have become ill or may have lost loved ones in 2023. We are grateful every day for the efforts and sacrifices our members make to keep the citizens of the City of Chicago safe.

Fraternally,



Anthony Martin
Fund Secretary

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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, CHASE 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 12/18/2023 meeting.

<u>Rank, Name, Assignment:</u>	<u>Date of Injury:</u>
CATHERINE CUMMINGS, AMBULANCE 25	11/18/2022
PIC PATRICIA MANKOWSKI, AMBULANCE 17	10/31/2022
EMT/FF BRIAN R WILSON, TOWER LADDER 63	10/21/2022

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
Firemen's Annuity & Benefit Fund
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MINIMUM FORMULA ANNUITIES:

- 015079 RICHARD C BRENN, EMT FIRE ENGINEER, ENGINE 62
 Ent CFD: 10/01/1996 **\$7,201.88** beginning 10/12/2023
 Retired: 10/12/2023 based on 70% of Final Average Salary
\$216.06 annuity increment, 3%, begins 11/01/2024
- 011228 WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM, EMT LIEUTENANT, ENGINE 10
 Ent CFD: 02/18/1980 **\$8,684.00** beginning 10/19/2023
 Retired: 10/19/2023 based on 75% of Maximum Salary
\$260.52 annuity increment, 3%, begins 11/01/2024
- REFUND \$769.81 FOR 2004-2006 RETRO ADJ EID
- 015460 KENNETH M DAVIS, EMT FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 12
 Ent CFD: 02/02/1998 **\$6,168.36** beginning 10/08/2023
 Retired: 10/08/2023 based on 65% of Final Average Salary
\$185.05 annuity increment, 3%, begins 11/01/2024
- REFUND \$44,226.41 FOR SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS
- 016146 GERALD D DONELSON, EMT FIRE ENGINEER, RESCUE 6-5-8
 Ent CFD: 10/16/2001 **\$5,484.24** beginning 10/15/2023
 Retired: 10/15/2023 based on 55% of Final Average Salary
\$164.53 annuity increment, 3%, begins 11/01/2024
- 015097 PAUL J GALLARDO, FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 97
 Ent CFD: 10/01/1996 **\$6,359.47** beginning 11/01/2023
 Retired: 11/01/2023 based on 70% of Final Average Salary
\$190.78 annuity increment, 3%, begins 07/01/2026
- 016282 DAVID B GRADOLF, EMT LIEUTENANT, 5TH DISTRICT RELIEF
 Ent CFD: 11/01/2002 **\$5,714.99** beginning 10/11/2023
 Retired: 10/11/2023 based on 52.5% of Final Average Salary
\$171.45 annuity increment, 3%, begins 11/01/2024
- 016815 FRANCIS X KELLY, EMT FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 70
 Ent CFD: 08/01/2005 **\$4,329.15** beginning 10/08/2023
 Retired: 10/08/2023 based on 48% of Final Average Salary
\$129.87 annuity increment, 3%, begins 11/01/2024
- REFUND \$30,520.12 FOR SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS
- 012514 RICHARD A LEVIN, AMBULANCE COMMANDER, AMBULANCE 47, Occupational Disability since 01/21/2010.
 Ent CFD: 04/01/1982 **\$9,179.75** beginning 11/06/2023
 Retired: 11/06/2023 based on 75% of Maximum Salary
\$275.39 annuity increment, 3%, begins 12/01/2024
- COLLECT \$123.23 FOR 2006 RETRO & AC PROMOTION
 - REFUND \$217.74 FOR 2011 RETRO EID
 - REFUND \$40,938.41 FOR SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS
- 014579 TERENCE M MARTIN, EMT LIEUTENANT, FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU, Duty Disability since 12/15/2019.
 Ent CFD: 09/01/1993 **\$8,624.06** beginning 11/11/2023
 Retired: 11/11/2023 based on 75% of Final Average Salary
\$258.72 annuity increment, 3%, begins 12/01/2024
- COLLECT \$68.80 FOR 2019 DAP

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MINIMUM FORMULA ANNUITIES:

- 013453 MICHAEL E MELLON, FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 19, Occupational Disability since 03/12/2008.
 Ent CFD: 08/03/1987 **\$6,941.82** beginning 11/30/2023
 Retired: 11/30/2023 based on 75% of Final Average Salary
\$208.25 annuity increment, 3%, begins 12/01/2024
 ● REFUND \$64.29 FOR 2006, 2011 & 2017 EID
- 014462 JENINE M MULLEN, PARAMEDIC IN CHARGE, AMBULANCE 11, Duty Disability since 01/01/2006.
 Ent CFD: 07/16/1992 **\$7,393.05** beginning 11/30/2023
 Retired: 11/30/2023 based on 75% of Final Average Salary
\$221.79 annuity increment, 3%, begins 12/01/2024
 ● REFUND \$21,690.50 FOR SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS
- 015267 TINA L MUSCARE, FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 106, Duty Disability since 05/05/2005.
 Ent CFD: 03/04/1997 **\$6,116.47** beginning 11/03/2023
 Retired: 11/03/2023 based on 67.5% of Final Average Salary
\$183.49 annuity increment, 3%, begins 12/01/2024
 ● REFUND \$12,275.76 FOR SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS
- 016410 CARL J OLSON, EMT FIREFIGHTER, 2-7-3 COMMAND VAN
 Ent CFD: 10/01/2003 **\$4,767.24** beginning 10/19/2023
 Retired: 10/19/2023 based on 52.5% of Final Average Salary
\$143.02 annuity increment, 3%, begins 11/01/2024
 ● REFUND \$34,031.31 FOR SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS
- 016307 JAMES OPEL, EMT FIREFIGHTER, LOGISTICS
 Ent CFD: 11/01/2002 **\$4,809.95** beginning 10/12/2023
 Retired: 10/12/2023 based on 52.5% of Final Average Salary
\$144.30 annuity increment, 3%, begins 11/01/2024
- 014396 WARD L PEMBERTON, FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 119, Duty Disability since 11/13/2012.
 Ent CFD: 10/01/1991 **\$6,941.82** beginning 11/05/2023
 Retired: 11/05/2023 based on 75% of Final Average Salary
\$208.25 annuity increment, 3%, begins 12/01/2024
- 015516 RAY L SHIELDS, FIREFIGHTER, FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU - WEST
 Ent CFD: 02/02/1998 **\$5,828.47** beginning 10/09/2023
 Retired: 10/09/2023 based on 65% of Final Average Salary
\$174.85 annuity increment, 3%, begins 11/01/2024
 ● REFUND \$0.00 FOR SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS
- 015817 MARK SMITH, FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC, ENGINE 11
 Ent CFD: 06/01/2000 **\$5,754.00** beginning 10/22/2023
 Retired: 10/22/2023 based on 60% of Final Average Salary
\$172.62 annuity increment, 3%, begins 11/01/2024
- 014409 MICHAEL A SPENCER, EMT BATTALION CHIEF, 5TH DISTRICT
 Ent CFD: 10/01/1991 **\$10,621.71** beginning 10/01/2023
 Retired: 10/01/2023 based on 75% of Final Average Salary
\$318.65 annuity increment, 3%, begins 11/01/2024
 ● REFUND \$3,462.54 FOR EXEMPT EID, 2006 & 2012 ADJ EID

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015923 LYDARA TURNER, EMT LIEUTENANT, ENGINE 9

Ent CFD:	07/17/2000	\$6,645.32	beginning 10/07/2023
Retired:	10/07/2023		based on 60% of Final Average Salary
		\$199.36	annuity increment, 3%, begins 11/01/2024

- REFUND \$43,150.33 FOR SPOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS

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WIDOW'S ANNUITIES:

914301 CANDY BOLOGNANI, widow of DAN M BOLOGNANI, Retired since 11/26/2021.

Ent CFD: 03/01/1991 **\$3,571.18** beginning 10/04/2023

Deceased: 10/03/2023

911263 TERONIA B LARRIEU, widow of CURTIS GLENN, Retired since 05/07/2008.

Ent CFD: 02/18/1980 **\$3,123.07** beginning 10/09/2023

Deceased: 10/08/2023

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REFUNDS:

015984 MARY B HALLOCK, AMBULANCE COMMANDER, AMBULANCE 8, Retired since 12/28/2022.

Ent CFD: 12/01/2000 **\$37,700.33** Refund of Spouse Contributions
Retired: 12/28/2022

018607 DANIEL J BRACKEN, PARAMEDIC, AMBULANCE 15

Ent CFD: 12/16/2014 **\$53,475.52** Refund of Contributions
08/28/2021

020495 ANTHONY M BRANTLEY, FIREFIGHTER, ACADEMY

Ent CFD: 05/03/2023 **\$2,474.98** Refund of Contributions
09/30/2023

016719 SAM N INENDINO, EMT FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 54

Ent CFD: 05/02/2005 **\$147,421.22** Refund of Contributions
06/09/2021

019003 JEAN-MARC NOGA, FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC, ENGINE 9

Ent CFD: 03/01/2017 **\$55,802.65** Refund of Contributions
09/08/2023

020243 RYAN A SCOTT, FIREFIGHTER, TRUCK 50

Ent CFD: 02/02/2015 **\$70,351.50** Refund of Contributions
10/17/2023

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DEATH BENEFITS:

014301 DAN M BOLOGNANI, PARAMEDIC, AMBULANCE 27, Retired since 11/26/2021.
 Ent CFD: 03/01/1991 **\$6,000.00** to CANDY BOLOGNANI, WIFE
 Deceased: 10/02/2023

013516 PATRICK FLEMING, EMT CAPTAIN, TRUCK 26
 Ent CFD: 05/02/1988 **\$8,800.00** to PATRICIA FLEMING, EX-WIFE
 Deceased: 10/02/2023

006654 WILLIAM J GLEASON, CAPTAIN, TRUCK 60, Retired since 09/29/1991.
 Ent CFD: 10/18/1954 **\$6,000.00** to WILLIAM J GLEASON JR, SON
 Deceased: 09/25/2023

007658 RICHARD KOLOMAY, LIEUTENANT, ENGINE 9, Retired since 11/19/1995.
 Ent CFD: 10/07/1957 **\$6,000.00** \$3,000.00 to CHERYL KOLOMAY-MORRISSEY,
 DAUGHTER
 \$3,000.00 to JOHN KOLOMAY, SON
 Deceased: 09/11/2023

011424 ROBERT SKWAREK, EMT FIRE ENGINEER, AIR/SEA RESCUE, Retired since 12/31/2012.
 Ent CFD: 02/18/1980 **\$6,000.00** \$1,980.00 to CAROL A SKWAREK, SISTER
 \$2,040.00 to TERESA A SKWAREK, SISTER
 \$1,980.00 to DONNA M SKWAREK, SISTER
 Deceased: 09/01/2023

011737 JOHN J SPIEKERMAN, FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 124, Retired since 11/30/2019.
 Ent CFD: 02/19/1980 **\$6,000.00** \$2,000.00 to JOHN SPIEKERMAN, SON
 \$2,000.00 to KATHRYN MOELLER, DAUGHTER
 \$2,000.00 to DANIEL SPIEKERMAN, SON
 Deceased: 09/05/2023

015033 KEVIN P WARD, EMT LIEUTENANT, TRUCK 9
 Ent CFD: 05/16/1996 **\$8,400.00** to CORRINNE DOROTHY WALENDA, WIFE
 Deceased: 08/27/2023

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BENEFIT RECALCULATIONS:

015492 JEFFREY A LYLE, EMT BATTALION CHIEF, CITY WIDE RELIEF, Retired since 09/11/2023.
EID Recalculation **\$15,615.08** Refund for EXEMPT EID REFUND

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HEARINGS:

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE DISABILITY WERE GRANTED:

015715 JOSEPH T GLEASON, EMT CAPTAIN, TOWER LADDER 21
Ent CFD: 12/01/1999 **\$8,182.31** beginning 10/12/2023

The vote was:

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

Nays: (None)

016812 LAWRENCE E JASTPER, EMT FIREFIGHTER, ENGINE 11
Ent CFD: 08/01/2005 **\$5,944.04** beginning 11/01/2023
\$30.00 a month for 1 minor child, GRACE

The vote was:

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

Nays: (None)

013955 DANIEL J SHEAHAN, EMT BATTALION CHIEF, 3RD BATTALION
Ent CFD: 11/01/1989 **\$9,189.81** beginning 10/12/2023

The vote was:

Yeas: CONYEARS-ERVIN FORTUNA MARTIN PENTEK REHWINKEL SHERIDAN VALENCIA

Nays: (None)

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION FOR DUTY DISABILITY WAS GRANTED:

Ent CFD: 10/01/2004 **\$8,165.00** beginning 10/28/2023
016586 MICHAEL D WILHELMS, EMT LIEUTENANT, 5TH DISTRICT RELIEF

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:

CHARLES C LIRA	Annuity	Died 10/16/2023
DANIEL W SLIWA	Annuity	Died 10/10/2023
JAMES NORMAN	Annuity	Died 10/16/2023
RUSSELL COLLINS JR	Annuity	Died 10/26/2023
ROBERT W DONATI	Annuity	Died 10/26/2023
MICHAEL R LOPEZ	Ordinary Disability	Died 10/27/2023
WALTER CHWARZYNSKI	Annuity	Died 10/22/2023
SHAWN WILSON	Annuity	Died 10/27/2023
GARDELL WILBURN	Annuity	Died 10/31/2023
WILLIAM R NIEMOTH	Annuity	Died 09/21/2023
LINDA HOFFMAN	Widow's Annuity	Died 11/03/2023
JAMES J BALFANZ SR	Annuity	Died 11/06/2023
JOSEPH G BRICHETTO	Annuity	Died 11/06/2023
JOSEPH M FURLONG	Annuity	Died 11/07/2023

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ANNUITIES GRANTED

<u>Resigned From:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Active Duty	13	79
Duty Disability	4	14
Occupational Disease Disability	2	4
Ordinary Disability	0	0
Total Minimum Formula Annuities Granted	19	97
Total Earned Annuities Granted	0	0
Total Annuities Granted	19	97

DISABILITIES GRANTED

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Duty Disability	1	23
Occupational Disease Disability	3	14
Ordinary Disability	0	2
Total Disabilities Granted	4	39
Total Disabilities Denied	0	0

WIDOW'S ANNUITIES GRANTED

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Year to Date:</u>
Regular Widow's Annuity	2	65
Compensation Widow's Annuity	0	1
Total Widow's Annuities Granted	2	66

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	5
Total Children Annuities Granted	0	8



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

DONATIONS REPORTED IN OCTOBER 2023

<u>CONTRIBUTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FABF Retired Member Donations September Payroll	\$ 9,809.50
Battalion 19 Golf Outing	\$ 610.00
CFD Active Member Donations 8/31/2023 Payroll	\$ 3,957.75
CFD Active Member Donations 9/15/2023 Payroll	\$ 3,944.00
CFD Active Member Donations 9/30/2023 Payroll	\$ 3,911.00
SQUARE/PayPal (net) Donations Website	\$ 105.00

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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ON LINE DONATIONS REPORTED IN OCTOBER 2023

<u>CONTRIBUTOR</u>			<u>AMOUNT</u>
Brian Kehoe	PayPal	\$	10.00
Mary Rose McNamee	PayPal	\$	20.00
Raymond Cullen	PayPal	\$	25.00
Diane Walsh Donation on behalf of/in memory of: William Gleason - Square		\$	50.00

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