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2009 -- The Year in Review for the Pension System

By Rector McCollum, Police Trustee



Again, as usual, 2009 has been a busy year for the Pension System, Trustees, and staff.

We've still got a month to go, but about this time every year we start taking stock of our doings for the past year.

For instance, Trustees and staff members attended

45 Board and Committee meetings, and met with members of the Pension Review Board in Austin. We also went to Washington, D.C. and Austin to speak our concerns to our elected officials during the NCPERS and TEXPERS conferences.

The Pension System has modified our investing profile and have become

a global investor. That requires hiring new money managers. In keeping to our investing obligations, we conducted seventeen due diligence meetings with the managers we hired, and some we haven't seen in a while.

At our new, 'green' World Headquarters on Harry

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Active Firefighters Volunteer at Annual Fire Museum Event



Firefighters from Stations 18 and 11 cooked and served at the Fire Museum's Annual Burger Lunch for Retirees in November. Pictured left to right: Steve Lopez, Robert Taylor, Bill Tabor, Stewart Grant, Rett Blankenship, Sammy Williams, Bret Stidham, and Darrell Scott.

Chief Kunkle to Retire

At a press conference on Thursday November 12, Dallas Police Chief David Kunkle announced that he would be retiring effective April 30.

In a letter to the members of the department, Chief Kunkle noted some of the successes that have occurred during his tenure, and said, "While I am very proud of these accomplishments, it's important to point out that none of them could have been achieved without the hard work, dedication, and commitment displayed by our officers and non sworn personnel."



He closed the letter by again thanking the men and women of the DPD: "I am honored to have been your Chief and am humbled by your support. Your enthusiasm and dedication to the safety of the citizens of Dallas fills me with pride. The examples of bravery and sacrifice you've displayed will always be my inspiration. Never forget you perform one of the noblest professions in the world and the people of Dallas respect you for it."

CONGRATULATIONS NEW RETIREES!

FIRE

Sergio H. Jaimez
Ronald P. McFarland
Joe J. Mosqueda
Russell A. Nance
Joseph A. Nelson

POLICE

Cheritta L. Johnson
Junius Rucker
Richard A. Schauer
Mark A. Sittner

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Hines, System personnel are working for you.

Benefits counselors met with over 1,055 police officers and fire fighters. They also responded to over 6,500 phone calls.

The Pensioner Advocate staff attended 12 surviving spouse lunches, attended 45 retiree meetings, and recorded over 2,800 contacts with retired members and beneficiaries.

Eight rookie class presentations were made to new members of the departments. Beyond that, the System has implemented a new education program for Retirees on Estate Planning.

Five PREP classes and two Financial Planning Seminars were held for active, vested members.

As far as how our investments are going this year? Currently the System has realized an 8.26% unaudited return through the 3rd quarter of 2009. That number does not include our Real Estate returns which we won't get until the first quarter of 2010.

As far as who we're invested with, membership numbers, system growth, and investment performance, I'd like to remind you that last week the System sent out our 2008

Condensed Annual Report (the reason the report is for 2008 is because it is traditionally released after all the previous years numbers are in and the audit is completed). There's a lot of information condensed to just 13 pages. It's been improved and is easy to read, another compliment to the staff. The full report, over 200 pages, is available online at www.dpfp.org.

If you have any questions, you can probably find the answer in it. If not just give the System a call, or contact one of us and we'll make sure you get an answer.

Using Web Member Services to View Your Pension Information

On the Pension System's Website (www.dpfp.org), you can sign up for **Web Member Services (WMS)**, where you can view a summary of your account information and personal demographic information.

Active Members can get an estimate of their future benefits under various retirement scenarios. DROP Members can view year to date information, and can do estimated projections of their future DROP balances. Retirees, can view and print their monthly pay information.

There is an on-line "help" function with "easy-to-understand" menus which give outlined steps for accomplishing each task.

Security of your personal information is of prime

importance to us. Our use of state-of-the-art encryption technology ensures your privacy as you access and navigate this site.

To establish an account on Web Member Services:

1. On your internet browser, go to the System's Website at www.dpfp.org.
2. On the right side of the home page, you will see "Web Member Services." Below that, are the words: "Go to sign in page." Click on this link.
3. When Web Member Services opens, look to the left side of the page. Look for the words: "Need an Account?" and click on the link.
4. This will open a screen where you will choose your user name and password, and answer a series of questions.
5. After answering these questions, an account will be set up for you and you can sign in using your chosen user name and password.

New Option Coming Soon: eCorrespondence

In keeping with the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System's (DPFP) environmental

green initiative, and to save money on paper, equipment and postage; DPFP offers Active Members and Pensioners the opportunity to sign up to receive certain correspondence electronically.

If you have an account through Web Member Services, you will receive an e-mail with instructions for signing up for eCorrespondence (if you do not yet have an account, you can sign up for WMS today).

Paperless eCorrespondence means a faster and more convenient way to receive your newsletters and annual DROP or benefit statements. For the environment, it means saving trees and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. .

When you elect eCorrespondence, documents will no longer be mailed to you. Instead we will send you an e-mail notifying you when electronic documents are available online for review and printing. You can change your election at anytime through Web Member Services.

We hope you will use and enjoy this service. As always, we welcome your suggestions for improvement. You may share them with our staff at info@dpfp.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 10: Regular Board Meeting
- Dec. 25: Office closed for Christmas Day
- Jan. 1: Office closed for New Year's Day
- Jan. 14: Regular Board Meeting
- Jan. 18: Office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



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From the Administrator

***By Richard L. Tettamant,
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December is here, and we are in the midst of the holiday season. In this issue of the ***First Responder***, Police Trustee Rector McCollum looks back at the past year here at the Pension System. Also, we share news of Police Chief David Kunkle’s decision to retire next year.

Last month, we told you about an added feature coming soon to our Website. If you are already signed up for Web Member Services, you will receive an email soon with more information on eCorrespondence (see page 3).

As always, we have included a calendar of events, and a list of our most recent retirees, with our congratulations.

Remember, we are here for you. Call us if you have any questions or concerns.

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