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Fire Trustees Re-Elected; Run-off Required for Police Trustees

The 2011 Trustee Election has been completed, with two Fire Trustee Places decided, and two Police Trustee places undecided and requiring a run-off election.

Fire Trustees Rick Salinas and George Tomasovic were re-elected to Fire Places 2 and 3 respectively.

The election for Police Trustee Places 2 and 3 fea-

tured five candidates in each place. No candidate received a majority of the votes cast, so there will be a run-off election between

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DROP Revocation Filing Deadline September 30

Included in the recent Plan Amendment Election was a provision that allowed a Member to revoke his or her participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). Your application for the revocation must be received by the Pension Office by the earlier of September 30, 2011 or the date you leave Active Service.

Some members may be interested in the DROP revocation because of the requirement that DROP Participants must again pay

Member contributions while in Active Service starting in October. You should consider that revoking your DROP not only means you will lose what you have accumulated into DROP, but you also will have to start paying contributions NOW, when you make the election, AND will not get the break from the phase in of the full contribution rate over 3 years (3% in October 2011).

If you have made a transfer from your DROP balance for a DROP to 401k or a

QDRO, you are not eligible to do the revocation.

See below for more information about DROP revocation.

Effect of Revoking DROP membership

If you decide to revoke your DROP election, the following will apply:

1. You will give up your entire DROP Balance.
2. You will begin to pay pension contributions at the

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Run-off Election Required for Police Trustee Positions

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the two candidates who received the most votes in each contest.

In Police Place 2, Steven Shaw and Thomas White will participate in the run-off, and in Place 3, the run-off election will be between Rector McCollum and Dan Wojcik.

The schedule for the run-off election is Friday, April 29 at 8 a.m. through May 9 at 12 noon. The Board will then certify the results of the run-off election at the regular meeting on May 12, 2011.

The current terms for Trustee Places 2 and 3 expire on May 31, and the new terms begin on June 1, 2011.

Trustee Election Results

Fire Trustee Positions

Fire Place #2	Votes	Percent (%)
FRO Rick Salinas	514	66.67 %
Lt. Darryl Wachsman	257	33.33 %
TOTAL	771	

Fire Place #3	Votes	Percent (%)
Bn. Ch. George Tomasovic	587	76.63 %
Dr. Engr. Ryan Aylward	179	23.37 %
TOTAL	766	

Police Trustee Positions

Police Place #2	Votes	Percent (%)
Sgt. Steven Shaw	314	34.06 %
Ofc. Thomas White	312	33.84 %
Sr. Cpl. Eric Jez	118	12.80 %
Cpt. Jack Bragg	107	11.61 %
Lt. Ernest Sherman	71	7.70 %
TOTAL	922	

Police Place #3	Votes	Percent (%)
Sgt. Rector McCollum	332	35.97 %
Sgt. Dan Wojcik	281	30.44 %
Sgt. Robert Benitez	187	20.26 %
Ofc. Terran Dickerson	63	6.83 %
Sgt. Eugene Reyes	60	6.50 %
TOTAL	923	

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rate of 8.5% of your Computation Pay starting with the next pay period after the revocation.

3. You will have no Pension Service from the date that you became a participant in DROP until the effective date your pension contributions resume; however, you can establish Pension Service for

some or all of the time you were in DROP by making the contributions that you would have made if you had not been in DROP.

4. You can re-enter DROP in the future under the terms and conditions then applicable to Members with your age and amount of Pension Service, subject to DROP being open

to new DROP participants.

Revocation Process

If you are considering revoking your participation in DROP, make an appointment with a Benefits Counselor as soon as possible. The Pension Office needs to obtain your payroll information for

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the period you were in DROP so that we may calculate the cost of buying back pension service for this period. It can take considerable time to obtain the information from City HR and Payroll departments.

The payment of contributions due to purchase pension service for the period of the revoked DROP must be made by the earlier of the date you reenter DROP or leave Active Service.

The decision to revoke your DROP election is one that

you should not take lightly. In addition to talking with a Pension System Benefits counselor, you should seek the advice of professional financial planners and tax advisors.

The Pension staff may provide some general information, but cannot render legal or financial advice to you on the effect that revoking your DROP election may have on the ultimate value of any benefit you or your survivors may receive under the Combined Pension Plan.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW RETIREES!

FIRE

Mark J. Achtenberg
Roland D. Cale
Ronald D. England
Frank L. Holder
Raymond Lemasters
Frank W. Lindsey
Richard K. Perkins
Kenneth M. Thomas

POLICE

Stephanie R. Barney
Arturo Cordova
Doyle L. Furr
Johnnie W. Hudson
Raymond A. Lawrence
Steven M. Padgett
Patti A. Saldana
Thomas W. Stark, Jr.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 9 - Voting for Police Trustee run-off election ends at noon (12 p.m.)

May 12 - Regular Board Meeting- Board certifies results of Trustee election

May 18 - PREP Class

May 18 - Police Memorial Ceremony (12 noon)

May 30 - Pension office closed for Memorial Day

Dallas Police Memorial Ceremony set for May 18

Each year during National Police Week, the City of Dallas organizes a solemn ceremony at the Dallas Police Memorial to honor Dallas Police officers who have died in the line of duty.

The ceremony will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday, May 18, at the corner of Akard and Young Streets, just northwest of City Hall.

The ceremony will include an honor guard, taps, a fly-over, a 21-gun salute, and the

reading of all of the names on the memorial.

This year one name has been added to the list. Officer Kevin P. Marceau died in January 2011 as the result of injuries sustained on November 13, 1996, when he was struck by a vehicle while chasing a hit-and-run suspect.

Since 1892, there have been 80 Dallas Police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



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From the Administrator

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Greetings! In this issue of the *First Responder*, we bring you Trustee election information, an article on DROP Revocation, and news of the annual Police Memorial.

I also wanted to mention the legislative process in Austin. The legislature is in session, and there could be bills brought forth which target Pension oversight and reform. Our legislative consultants are assisting key legislators in working toward a favorable outcome that protects your pension benefits. If and when there is news to share, we will use the Website (www.dpfp.org), this newsletter, and other communications tools to get the word out to you.

Remember, we are here to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call and talk to a Benefits Counselor.

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