



# First Responder

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## Getting the Word Out: Pension System Communicates Using Both New and Traditional Methods

Over the last two decades, the way we communicate with one another has changed greatly. In the last few years, the Internet has spawned social networks and tools such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

According to a study from The Radicati Group, Inc., a technology research and advisory firm, the number of worldwide email accounts is expected to increase from 3.1 billion accounts in 2011 to nearly 4.1 billion by year-end 2015. Another

trend is that a large amount of corporate and consumer communication is shifting to other forms of communications, in particular Instant Messaging (IM) and social networks.

The Pension System is embracing these new communications tools as additional methods to keep you informed. We will continue to communicate through our Website, monthly newsletters, email, and periodic informational briefings, like the ones we held last month, while we expand

into these new methods.

Board chairman George Tomasovic has begun a series of short video updates, which are posted at our Website ([www.dfp.org](http://www.dfp.org)) and our YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/DPFPSystem](http://www.youtube.com/DPFPSystem)). So far, we have covered topics including the recent legislative session, the election of new Trustees, and an update on some of the Pension system Investments.

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*Chairman George Tomasovic reports to the Membership through periodic videos accessed from our Website and YouTube Channel.*

## At the Dallas Police Memorial Ceremony



*On May 18, the Dallas Police Department honored Officers killed in the line of duty (pictured: The Dallas Police Department Honor Guard)*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
OUR NEW RETIREES!**

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**Establishing a Web Member Services Account**

To securely interact with us online, you must first establish an account on Web Member Services following these steps:

1. On your internet browser, go to [www.dpfp.org](http://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.

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.

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](mailto:info@dpfp.org).

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Members who use Facebook or Twitter can keep up with what is going on in the Pension System through these media. Usually, these will be reminders about upcoming Board meetings or other events.

For more information on how to interact with us through the Internet, see the quick reference guide at right.

**Quick Reference to DPFP on the Web:**

**Our Website:** [www.dpfp.org](http://www.dpfp.org)



**Our email address:** [info@dpfp.org](mailto:info@dpfp.org)

**Our Facebook page:**

[www.facebook.com/DallasPoliceFirePension](http://www.facebook.com/DallasPoliceFirePension)



**Our Twitter feed:**

[www.twitter.com/DPFP\\_Info](http://www.twitter.com/DPFP_Info)



**Our YouTube Channel:**

[www.youtube.com/DPFPSystem](http://www.youtube.com/DPFPSystem)



# The DRFFA Names Recipients of the 2011 Denny Burris Scholarships

By Ennis Hill , DRFFA Scholarship Committee Chairman

The Dallas Retired Fire Fighters Association is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2011 Denny Burris Scholarships. Each Recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship.

The recipients are:

***Dylan James Carter of Rockdale, TX, grandson of retired DFD member John F. Bell***



Dylan has been accepted and plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin. He plans to major in communication/business and hopes to own a commercial real estate business, become governor of Texas and start an orphanage for underprivileged children. He is

attending Temple College while finishing at Rockdale High School and will have 34 hours college credit upon graduation.

***Nicole June DeYear of Plano, TX, daughter of active DFD member Battalion Chief Daniel DeYear***



Nicole will attend the University of Oklahoma. She ranks seventh in her class of 650 and has qualified for a National Merit Scholarship. Upon completion of her undergraduate studies, she plans to attend Princeton for studies that will facilitate her joining the Peace Corps or working for the US State Department or other global organization in pursuit of peaceful ties with the Middle East.

***Jake Landon of Tishomingo, OK, son of active DFD member Kelly Landon.***



Jake is active in the Civil Air Patrol and is concurrently completing high school and taking classes at Murray State College. He will attend the Uni-

versity of Central Oklahoma at Edmond, Oklahoma. He plans to major in Industrial Safety and minor in leadership. When he graduates he wants to become a professional firefighter/paramedic.

***Taylor Lane Reed of Sulphur Bluff, TX, the granddaughter of retired DFD member Captain Ronald Reed***



Taylor plans to attend Paris Junior College to study nursing. As a registered nurse she wants to work in the nursery or labor and delivery unit of a major hospital. She applied for our scholarship with the idea of repaying her grandparents for the sacrifices they have made in caring for her and raising her since infancy.

We had more than 50 applicants this year. Our independent selection committee was challenged to choose from this field of outstanding candidates. We appreciate the time and effort committee members invested in choosing the recipients of the scholarships.

Congratulations to all four Denny Burris Scholarship recipients.

## Mark Your Calendar

July 4 - Pension office closed for Independence Day

July 14 - Regular Board Meeting

August 3 - PREP (Pre Retirement Education Program)

August 11 - Regular Board Meeting



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**From the Administrator**

*By Richard L. Tettamant,  
Pension System Administrator*



Greetings! In this issue of the *First Responder*, we discuss the many ways that we communicate with you. When it comes to your Pension benefits, we want to provide the most timely and helpful information.

Our Website at [www.dpfp.org](http://www.dpfp.org) is the source for all of our publications, including back issues of our newsletters, Member Handbooks, and our Plan document. You will also find the latest news, links to Web Member Services and other useful sites. See page 1 for more information.

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

*Richard L. Tettamant  
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