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Councilmember Scott Griggs Appointed to Board of Trustees

Dallas District 3 City Councilmember Scott Griggs was appointed to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Pension System, and was welcomed at the January meeting.

Mr. Griggs was elected to the Dallas City Council in May,

2011. District 3 includes areas of West Dallas, Oak Cliff, and Mountain Creek/The Woods. Mr. Griggs grew up in Dallas, attended Texas A&M University and

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Annual Statements to be Sent Out at End of February

Annual Benefit Statements and DROP Statements are scheduled to mail out beginning February 24. Members who have chosen eCorrespondence will receive an e-mail when the statements are available for viewing on Web Member Services.

Texas-Based Investment Pays Off for Pension System

At the January 12 Board Meeting, the Pension System was presented with a check for \$12.9 million from Lone Star Investment Advisors, a private equity firm focused on investing in Texas-based companies in low income areas.

Lone Star Managing Partner, Arthur Hollingsworth said, "The great thing about having a strong investor like Dallas Police & Fire Pension System is their steadfastness in turbulent times. The Trustees and Staff supported Lone Star in investing \$14 million in an oilfield ser-

vices company 20 months ago in an uncertain economy. The company sold in December 2011 for \$45 million. Including the check presented, the Pension System's share of that transaction was \$23.3 million." The remaining proceeds will be distributed in the near future.



Pictured, Left to Right: Jerry Allen, City Councilmember; Scott Griggs, City Councilmember; Ellen Billings, LoneStar; Delia Jasso, City Councilmember; John Mays, Police Pensioner Trustee; George Tomasovic, Board Chairman; John McQuire, LoneStar; Arthur Hollingsworth, LoneStar; Richard Wachsmann, Fire Pensioner Trustee; Richard Tettamant, DFPF Administrator; Dan Wojcik, Police Trustee; Sam Friar, Fire Trustee, Rick Salinas, Deputy Vice Chairman; Steve Umlor, Vice Chairman; Thomas White, Police Trustee.

Register Now for March 14 PREP Class

March 14 class is now full

The next session of the Pre-Retirement Education Program (PREP) is scheduled for March 14 at the Pension System Building, and you are invited to attend.

PREP provides you tools for retirement planning and points to sources for more in-depth financial and legal analysis of your personal finances.

Our lineup of informative topics includes Pension System benefits, City of Dallas 401(k) and 457 plans, wills and estates, Social Security benefits, survivor benefits, health insurance, and retirement investing. Also, PREP now includes an expanded session on legal issues, where you can complete five different legal documents to help protect your future,

and a questionnaire to help in the preparation of a will. (After filling out the questionnaire, you may choose to work with the attorney to draft a will *at your expense.*)

There is still space available, so we encourage you to register now. The class is free and includes a light breakfast and a box lunch. To register, we require a \$30.00 check to reserve your seat. We will return the check to you when you complete the class.

PREP can be used for TCLEOSE (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education) credit for Police Officers.

If you would like to reserve a spot in the March 14 PREP class, call the Pension System office at 214-638-3863 or e-mail us at info@dpfp.org.

Training classes have been scheduled for 2012 as follows:

PREP

- March 14, 2012
- May 24, 2012 (This class was changed from May 17)
- November 14, 2012

Financial Planning

- April 18, 2012
- September 19, 2012

Prepare for Tomorrow Today

- May 3, 2012
- October 4, 2012

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graduated with a degree in chemistry before attending law school at the University of Texas.

After obtaining his law degree, Mr. Griggs returned to Dallas to practice intellectual property law. In 2002, he married his college sweetheart, Mariana, and moved to Oak Cliff.

In 2004, he joined his late father's firm, Griggs Bergen LLP, as a partner. Following in his father's professional foot steps, Mr. Griggs specializes in patent and trademark preparation and prosecution before the United States Patent & Trademark Office. He provides counsel on evaluating and protecting intellectual property assets and developing portfo-

lio management strategies to help companies protect core technologies and enhance overall intellectual property positions.

Mr. Griggs was the two-term president of the Fort Worth Avenue Development Group from 2007 to 2010, where he successfully created a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District, implemented crime and code compliance programs, and advocated for more New Urbanism-based transportation planning and zoning. He has also served on the executive committees of his neighborhood association in Stevens Park Estates, the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, and Oak Cliff Transit Authority.

(Bio information is from DallasCityHall.com)

Congratulations to our Recent Retirees

POLICE

Leslie D. Bell
Michael W. Black
Lawton T. Loggins
Donald M. Pinney, Jr.

FIRE

James A. Crump
David L. Jacobs
Juan J. Urreta

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(Names of Retirees listed above were printed with their written permission.)

DPD Museum Completes Installation of Helicopter at DPD Headquarters

Over New Year's week-end, DPD Museum Curator Jess Lucio oversaw and Lone Star Retrieval performed the installation of an OH58 Bell Helicopter in the DPD Headquarters. The aircraft is suspended in the front lobby of the Jack Evans Headquarters, which will house the planned DPD Museum.

The display will include a history of the DPD Helicopter Unit, which began in 1969.

The aircraft is occupied by two

mannequins which represent two Members of the Unit who died in the line of duty. In 1984, Lt. Robert Cormier and Reserve Officer James "Chuck" Taylor (Chief Pilot) were killed when the helicopter they were in crashed while scouting landing sites for the 1984 Republican National Convention.

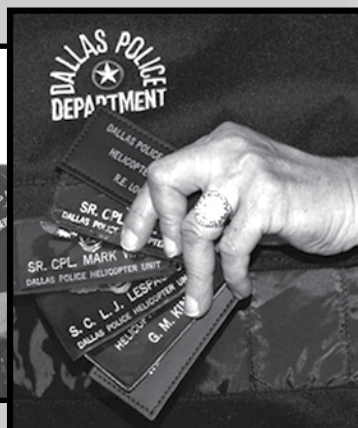
Current and former Members of the unit were invited to contribute one of their Flight suit name tags, and these were put in a briefcase that was placed onboard the aircraft.

Today, the Dallas Police Helicopter Unit includes two Bell helicopters, 14 pilots (senior corporals), two sergeants, and one lieutenant to provide 24/7 air support coverage for officers and citizens. The unit also employs two FAA licensed civilian mechanics. The helicopters operate 4-6 hours per day and respond to an average of 400 calls/requests a month.



Above Photos: Sr. Cpl. Jess Lucio

Museum Curator Sr. Cpl. Jess Lucio placed a briefcase with name tags of current and former members of the Helicopter Unit into the Bell OH-58A on display



Mark Your Calendar

- February 12- Regular Board Meeting
- February 20 - Pension Office closed for President's Day
- March 8- Regular Board Meeting
- March 13- Quarterly Board Meeting
- March 14- PREP Class



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From the Administrator

*By Richard L. Tettamant,
Pension System Administrator*



Greetings!

In this issue of the *First Responder*, we welcome New Trustee Scott Griggs (page 1). Councilmember Griggs serves City of Dallas Council District 3, and he has been very active in helping to improve his neighborhood and the greater Dallas Community. We look forward to the energy, guidance, and insight that he will provide on the Board of Trustees.

Also included in this newsletter, we have information on a Texas-based investment, a reminder of the next PREP class, and an update on the Police Museum.

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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