

Chattanooga Fire & Police Pension Fund

Serving Those That
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Letter from the Fund Administrator

Happy Fall-2016 Everyone,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I would like to briefly cover a few items with you. First, for those of you who are not yet receiving Social Security benefits, we are hosting **Social Security Seminars** on **November 1st** (see page 2 for details) led by Tim O'Mara, a Social Security expert with Nationwide. Please come and hear how your Social Security benefits can be affected by having a governmental pension. Social Security penalizes certain benefits for persons who have a governmental pension such as ours. These penalties are called the Windfall Elimination Provision ("WEP") and the Government Pension Offset ("GPO"). Space is limited so please RSVP and bring your most recent Social Security statement.

Next, I would like to give you an update on the Board. Police Lt. Craig Joel and Senior Firefighter Mark Coffman ran unopposed in the recent Board election and will continue serving you for the next three years. Less Lee, the City Council's appointee to the Board recently stepped down from the Board and that seat remains open at this time. Craig Joel, Kelly Simmons, and Mark Coffman continue in their respective positions of President, Vice President, and Secretary for the 2016-2017 year.

For retirees and beneficiaries who are eligible to receive the Cost-of-Living Adjustment ("COLA") in January 2017, the COLA will be included in your monthly benefit beginning in January. As you know, the COLA has been paid as a quarterly dividend for the past two years. The last quarterly dividend payment will go out on December 15, 2016, and the COLA will begin compounding again each year with the January 2017 benefit payment, in accordance with the Pension Legislation. The next few benefit payments are scheduled as follows:

- November 15, 2016
 - ◊ November Benefit Payment
- December 15, 2016
 - ◊ December Benefit Payment
 - ◊ COLA Dividend (if applicable)
- January 13, 2017
 - ◊ January Benefit Payment (including COLA if applicable)

Remember the national and state elections are on November 8th. Early voting has begun in Tennessee.

May God Bless Each of You,

Frank Hamilton
Fund Administrator

SOCIAL SECURITY SEMINARS

The Fire and Police Pension Fund will be hosting a series of Social Security Seminars conducted by Nationwide for our members. These seminars are an excellent source to become familiar with the Social Security process, benefits, and how your retirement benefits can affect the benefits you may be eligible to receive from Social Security.

If you are unable to attend because the times are not convenient or the classes are filled, we plan to hold more Social Security meetings in the future.

Note the following:

Location

Fire and Police Pension Fund Office—6009 John Douglass Drive.

Date and Times

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 (9:00 AM—11:00 AM—1:30 PM—3:30 PM). Each session is scheduled for one hour and can accommodate up to sixty-five members.

What to Bring

1. Most recent Social Security statement. You can download one at ssa.gov/myaccount.
2. Spouse.

Reservation

Type in the link below to access the site to reserve your space. Follow the prompts. You will be asked to select an available time. The site will then ask for your first and last name, email address and telephone number. For the telephone number, you can use the Fund's office number of (423) 893-0500. If you do not have internet access, contact the Fund.

<http://chattanooga publicsafety.myRetirementAppt.com>

Parking

The Fund has thirty-two parking spaces. If parking is not available upon arrival, members can park on John Douglass Drive.

We look forward to seeing you on November 1st.

Thank you.

Our Condolences to those who have lost Family & Friends

Retired Fire Captain **Jack Herbert Babb** passed away on May 26, 2016. He is survived by his wife **Hilda Hunt Babb** and son Fire Lieutenant **Jack Kellett (Susan) Babb**.

Helen Myrt Gann, wife of retired Fire Battalion Chief **Robert B. Gann**, passed away on June 1, 2016. She is also survived by her daughters **Melissa (Brad) Braswell** and **Kristy Gann (Danny Wright)**.

Retired Fire Captain **Danny Lebron Irvin** passed away on June 2, 2016. He is survived by his children **Christina (Jason) Thomson** and **Casey Irvin**.

Retired Police Captain **Marshal Allan Lutes** passed away on June 25, 2016. He is survived by his wife **Gerri Lutes** and children **Lawrence Stephen (Heather) Lutes** and **Kylie Jordan Lutes**.

Leah Mahoney, surviving spouse of retired Police Officer **Dennis Mahoney**, passed away on July 10, 2016.

Retired Police Sergeant **James Terry "J.T." Marlin** passed away on July 22, 2016. He is survived by his wife **Linda Marlin** and daughters **Debbie Hickman** and **Kathy (Darrell) Cagle**.

Lydia Jane Richards, surviving spouse of retired Fire Lieutenant **Billy E. Richards**, passed away on August 7, 2016. She is survived by sons **Mark** and **Michael Richards**.

Retired Fire Lieutenant **Alvin Lloyd "Bill" Shoemake** passed away on August 11, 2016. He is survived by his son **Randall Shoemake**.

Retired Police Sergeant **Bobby Eugene Burrell** passed away on August 18, 2016. He is survived by his wife **Charlotte Burrell**.

Retired Fire Captain **James R. Dodd** passed away on August 30, 2016. He is survived by his wife **Frances E. Dodd** and children **Roy R. (Judy) Dodd** and **Sylvia G. (Arnold) Eaves**.

Dorothy Jane Murphy, surviving spouse of retired Fire Lieutenant **Dester Gene Murphy**, passed away on September 15, 2016. She is survived by her children **Teresa (Edward) Burns** and **Steven Thomison**.

Emma Jo Simmons, surviving spouse of retired Fire Captain **Arles Clayton Simmons**, passed away on September 19, 2016. She is survived by her children retired Firefighter **Clay (Sharon) Simmons**, **Mitzie (Ronnie) Hale** and Fire Captain **Kelly (Missy) Simmons**.

Mary Jo Bumpass, spouse of retired Police Officer **Mack C. Bumpass**, passed away on September 21, 2016. She is also survived by her children **Tajuana L. (Claude) Sterling**, **Melanie M. Bumpass** and **Mark A. (Martha) Bumpass**.

Retired Fire Commander **William "Bill" T. Pippin** passed away on September 27, 2016. He is survived by his wife **Shirley Pippin** and daughter **Cheryl Pippin (Chuck) Jackson**.

Retired Police Sergeant **Anderson Gene Hass, Sr.** passed away on September 29, 2016. He is survived by his children **Anderson Gene (Laura) Hass, Jr.**, **Della (David) Robinson** and **Timothy James Hass**.

Vested Police Lieutenant **Todd Royval** passed away on October 3, 2016. He is survived by his wife **Rebecca Royval** and sons **Clay Royval** and **Jacob Royval**.

Board Members:

Craig Joel President

Kelly Simmons Vice President

Mark Coffman Secretary

Phillip McClain

Tommy Meeks

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Vickie Haley

Fund Administrator:

Frank Hamilton

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Congratulations New Retirees

Police Sergeant **Douglas Randall Stone** retired on June 5, 2016 with 30 years of service.

Police Captain **Brian M. Cotter** retired on June 5, 2016 with 30 years of service.

Police Captain **Kimberly L. Noorbergen** retired on June 30, 2016 with 28 years of service.

Master Police Officer **John W. Rogers, Jr.** retired on July 21, 2016 with 27 years of service.

Police Officer **Mario Cunningham** retired on August 31, 2016 with 19 years of service.

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