

Chattanooga Fire & Police Pension Fund

**Serving Those That
Serve Our Community**

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Letter from the Board President

Greetings!

While we are well into 2017, the theme of this year seems to be one of constant change, right down to the weather!

As most of you know by now Fund Administrator and longtime board member Frank Hamilton made his retirement announcement late last year after 28 years of service to both the Fund and the City. While the Board members were happy to see him finally get to enjoy the retirement he had helped facilitate for so many others before him, we were faced with the daunting task of a nationwide search for a *new* administrator, and our longtime Deputy Administrator Katrina Abbott was placed in an interim position for an initial 90 period to keep the ship running straight.

While identifying what we needed to look for in successful candidates however, time and time again the conversation kept returning to the same conclusion: There was no one we could hire that could bring 8 years of experience to the table managing this fund and with all the personal relationships – the trust – that Katie had, further backed up by her degree in Accounting and the numerous other fund-related certifications she's obtained over the years. As a result, the Board has offered her the full time position as our new Fund Administrator and she has said yes! As anyone that has dealt with Katie in the past would agree, we would be hard pressed to find anyone better qualified, and as evidence of this, the transition from Frank to Katrina has been virtually seamless.

With a new Fund Administrator in place, our other change forthcoming is a change in fund *management* companies. *(This is part of a normal process in which every 5-8 years we send out a "request for proposal" to allow competition to help us make the best choice possible in actual fund investment strategies.)*

After a rigorous search and interview process that was narrowed down to two outstanding finalists, of which the degree of separation between the two made it an extremely difficult decision, the Board has hired Dahab Associates as its new Investment Consultant. While the Board and staff is thankful to our longtime Investment Consultant Gerber Taylor for the many years of growth and success, we believed it was time to consider some new ideas and guidance going forward.

I hope this finds you well, and remember that we are available in our offices and by phone during regular business hours. We're here to serve you, so don't hesitate to reach out or better yet, attend a meeting!

With Respect,

Craig W. Joel (Police)
Board President, Participant, and Fiduciary

Our Condolences to those who have lost Family & Friends

Frances M. Carroll, surviving spouse of retired Fire Captain **John C. Carroll**, passed away on October 29, 2016. She is survived by her children **Jane O'Dell** and **John C. Carroll, Jr.**

Retired Police Officer **Bill W. Pomeroy** passed away on December 11, 2016. He is survived by his wife **Jewell Willingham Pomeroy** and children **Michael (Staci) Pomeroy**, **Vicki (Tommy) Helton** and **David (Cristy) Pomeroy**.

Brenda Gail Clark, spouse of retired Firefighter Senior **Willis David Clark**, passed away on December 18, 2016. She is also survived by her son **Rusty (Mark)**, step-daughter **Lisa (Jody)** and **step-son Greg**.

Alice Malone, surviving spouse of retired Police Lieutenant **Kenneth M. Malone**, passed away on January 5, 2017. She is survived by her children **Kenneth Malone, Jr.** and **Patti (Phil) Meadows**.

Valla Lynn Phillips, spouse of retired Firefighter **Michael Lee Phillips**, passed away on January 5, 2017. She is also survived by her children **Sean (Cindy) Phillips**, **Sheri (Eric) Rominger** and **Shannon Mejia**.

Retired Police Sergeant **Mitchell Terry Ball** passed away on February 6, 2017. He is survived by his wife **Paula Ball** and children and their partners **Brian** and **Courtney**, **Melissa** and **Mark**, **Melinda**, **Jessica** and **Shaun**.

Betty Dew Fuller Moore, surviving spouse of retired Assistant Fire Marshall **James B. Moore, Sr.**, passed away on February 10, 2017. She is survived by her children retired Fire Lieutenant **James B. Moore, Jr.**, **Jimmie Ann (Robert) Thomas**, **Jeanie (Don) Connor** and **Kimberly (Ron) Hughes**.

Retired Police Sergeant **Daniel W. Gray, Jr.** passed away on February 22, 2017. He is survived by his wife **Juanita Gray** and children **Daniel Gray, III** and **Catherine Gray-Hulgan**.

Vested Fire Captain **Kenneth Atkins** passed away on February 24, 2017. He is survived by his children **Eric Atkins**, **Adrian Atkins** and **Kenbra Atkins**.

Katherine Louise Green Gann, surviving spouse of retired Fire Lieutenant **Larry Eugene Gann**, passed away on April 4, 2017. She is survived by her mother **Thelma Farmer Green** and children **Lisa (Brian) Ford**, Fire Lieutenant **Larry Eugene Gann, II** and **Amber (Dustin) Byrn**.

Deloris Bryson Sullivan, surviving spouse of retired Police Captain **James E. Sullivan, Jr.**, passed away on April 9, 2017. She is survived by her four sons **Gary L. (Beth) Moore**, **Jeffery B. (Tess) Sullivan**, **Mark A. Sullivan** and **James E. (Cassidy) Sullivan, III**.

Callie M. Stargin, surviving spouse of retired Police Sergeant **Raymond Stargin, Jr.**, passed away on April 11, 2017. She is survived by her children **Arnetta Scruggs**, **Raymond Stargin, III**, retired Fire Captain **Randy (Linda) Stargin** and **Thaddeus (Mary Ann) Morton**.

Our Condolences to those who have lost Family & Friends (cont.)

Retired Master Police Officer **Donald Wayne Holdbrook** passed away on April 20, 2017. He is survived by his daughter **Kimberly Holdbrook**.

Retired Fire Captain **John Paul Eldridge** passed away on April 28, 2017. He is survived by his wife **Juanita Eldridge** and children Fire Battalion Chief **Jeff (Renee) Eldridge**, **Angie (Scott) Bevil** and **Terena (Billy) Waters**.

Congratulations New Retirees

Police Sergeant **Jon Chadwick Sullivan** retired on November 14, 2016 with 25 years of service.

Master Police Officer **Harold L. Diaz** retired on November 24, 2016 with 26 years of service.

Police Officer **David A. Huggins, Jr.** retired on November 24, 2016 with 25 years of service.

Fire Captain **Tally R. Glover, Jr.** retired on November 24, 2016 with 29 years of service.

Police Sergeant **Thomas G. Layne, II** retired on December 8, 2016 with 25 years of service.

Police Lieutenant **Adrian David Gibb** retired on December 22, 2016 with 28 years of service.

Master Police Officer **Charles Randall Poland** retired on December 22, 2016 with 28 years of service.

Master Police Officer **Ruth B. Layne** retired on December 26, 2016 with 25 years of service.

Fire Lieutenant **Terry A. Jones** retired on January 14, 2017 with 20 years of service.

Police Sergeant **William W. Phillips** retired on March 30, 2017 with 28 years of service.

Police Lieutenant **Albert E. Tallant** retired on March 30, 2017 with 25 years of service.



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1st & 3rd

Thursdays in every

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