

# Chattanooga Fire & Police Pension Fund

**Serving Those That  
Serve Our Community**

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## Letter from the Fund Administrator

Hello Everyone,

I am excited to be writing my first newsletter as Fund Administrator, and I hope all of you are doing well! Allow me to go over a few items of interest with you.

First off, Fire Captain Kelly Simmons and Master Patrol Officer Phillip McClain ran unopposed in the recent Board elections and will continue to serve you for the next three years. I would also like to welcome Chris Hopkins as the new City Council appointee to the Board. Mr. Hopkins is a Chartered Financial Analyst and is currently Vice President and Portfolio Manager for Barnett & Company. We look forward to the knowledge and experience that Mr. Hopkins will bring to the Fund. Police Lieutenant Craig Joel, Fire Captain Kelly Simmons, and Fire Engineer Mark Coffman will also continue in their respective roles as President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Second, the Fund had previously requested a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service as part of a voluntary process to ensure the plan documents meet the Internal Revenue Code's tax-qualification requirements. Some of the members had expressed concerns about this, and I am pleased to announce that we have recently received a favorable determination letter from the IRS and will therefore maintain our status as a "qualified" retirement plan. (This allows us to maintain tax-exempt disability pensions for example, amongst other benefits.)

As was stated in the last newsletter, the Fund has changed its Investment Consultant in order to provide some new ideas and guidance going forward. The Board and Staff have been rigorously reviewing our investment strategies and current investment managers and have moved to make some positive changes. While it takes time to see the effect of those changes, I believe they will be for the benefit of the Fund and its participants.

I would also like to take this time to remind you that the Board meets every first and third Thursday at 9 a.m. These meetings are open to the public and minutes of Board meetings can also be found online at [www.cfppf.org](http://www.cfppf.org). I encourage you to attend and become involved in your future!

Once again, I am thankful for this opportunity and hope that I will continue to serve all of you well! Please know I am available in person, by phone, and email during regular business hours to assist you with your all of your pension needs.

Sincerely,

Katrina Abbott  
Fund Administrator

## *Our Condolences to those who have lost Family & Friends*

**Wilma Pauline Guinn**, surviving spouse of retired Police Lieutenant **Lewis N. Guinn, Sr.**, passed away on May 26, 2017.

Retired Fire Captain **James David Scoggins** passed away on June 11, 2017. He is survived by his wife **Cynthia Scoggins** and his children **Jonathan** and **Victoria Scoggins**.

**Jeannine McClure Sansing**, surviving spouse of retired Fire Commander **Jimmy Earl Sansing**, passed away on June 15, 2017. She is survived by her children **Bobby L. Coker, Jr** and **Shannon (Tim) Alexander**.

Retired Fire Lieutenant **James "Jimmy" C. Gaines** passed away on June 21, 2017. He is survived by his wife **Lisa Gaines** and children active Firefighter **Andrew (Heidi) Gaines**, **Courtney Gaines** and **Jamison Gaines**.

Retired Police Sergeant **James "Big Red" Wilson** passed away on July 5, 2017. He is survived by his wife **Debbie Wilson** and children **James (Rocia) Wilson** and **Anthony (Dawn) Wilson**.

**Mildred Alene Cookston**, surviving spouse of retired Police Sergeant **Thomas H. Cookston**, passed away on July 7, 2017. She is survived by children **Dr. Michael Cookston** and daughter **Cindy (Joe) Hannah**.

**Carolyn Loyd Johnson**, spouse of retired Fire Commander **Algie Johnson**, passed away on July 27, 2017. She is also survived by her daughters **Sandy (Michael) Burns** and **Wendy (Danny) Rowe**.

Retired Police Officer **Charles "Pete" R. Dickerson** passed away on September 7, 2017. He is survived by his children **Lacy Maselle**, **PJ Dickerson**, **Debbie Evans**, **Charles "Dickie" Dickerson** and **Chuck Clark**.

## *Congratulations New Retirees*

Police Sergeant **Jennifer A. Duggan Davis** retired on May 24, 2017 with 25 years of service.

Master Police Officer **Jeffrey P. Dean** retired on June 16, 2017 with 28 years of service.

Assistant Police Chief **Tracy L. Arnold** retired on June 18, 2017 with 30 years of service.

Police Sergeant **James A. Blanton** retired on June 26, 2017 with 25 years of service.

Fire Captain **Richard H. Britt** retired on July 2, 2017 with 30 years of service.

Fire Battalion Chief **Jeffery P. Eldridge** retired on July 2, 2017 with 30 years of service.

Fire Captain **Alfred M. "Chip" O'Dell Jr.** retired on July 2, 2017 with 30 years of service.

Police Sergeant **Jeffrey T. Gaines** retired on July 24, 2017 with 25 years of service.

Master Police Officer **Annette L. Sowrey** retired on August 31, 2017 with 25 years of service.

Fire Chief **James C. Adams** retired on September 23, 2017 with 30 years of service.

## FORGOTTEN CHILD FUND



Please stop by the Fire and Police Pension Fund Office during regular business hours to drop off new toys for the **FORGOTTEN CHILD FUND** (through **December 6, 2017**). There is a box in the lobby for the toys.  
THANK YOU!

### *WellAdvantage Center Events—October 2017*

(620 East 11th Street)



### **FLU CLINIC!**

**Tuesday, October 3rd**

**Wednesday, October 4th**

**7:30-10:00AM & 3:00-5:00PM**

*\*No appointment necessary\**

Flu shots are free to **ALL** city employees regardless of insurance coverage. **Retirees** and dependents (over the age of 12) who are **covered by the City's health insurance** can also receive free flu shots.

### **ANNUAL WELLADVANTAGE HEALTH FAIR**

**Wednesday, October 11th**

**11AM – 2PM**

**Board Members:**

**Craig Joel** President

**Kelly Simmons** Vice President

**Mark Coffman** Secretary

**Phillip McClain**

**Tommy Meeks**

**Charlie Thomason**

**Vickie Haley**

**Chris Hopkins**

Fund Administrator:

**Katrina Abbott**

Administrative Assistant:

**Doug Kelley**

Board Attorney:

**William E. Robinson**

**Police Retiree Firearms  
Qualifications Schedule**

⊕ **October 31, 2017 at 9 A.M.**

**At the Range on Moccasin Bend Road**

**(contact Police Training at 423-643-5159 if you have any questions)**

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