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High Voter Turnout Seen in Recent Trustee Election

By Gary W. Edge, Fire Trustee



In the recent Trustee Election held March 30 through April 9, nearly 43% of active firefighters voted (police officers did not vote because the current Police Trustees ran unopposed). This was an increase in voter turn-out since the last election in 2005, when 37% of eligible members voted.

The Trustees would like to thank all those members who voted. We also would like to thank all of the candidates who took part in the process. Your willingness to serve as a Trustee shows that you have a commitment to your co-workers, and to the continued success and health of the Pension System.

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Dallas Fire-Rescue Honors its Best at Awards Banquet

The Dallas Fire-Rescue Department held their Annual Awards Banquet the evening of Saturday, April 28.

The event was hosted by Lari Barager from Fox 4 TV.

For more photos of the ceremony, see page 3.



Photo by: Leslie Warnock

Chief Eddie Burns, Jr. presents Lucio Gonzales with the award for “Firefighter of the Year”

PENSION SYSTEM CALENDAR

● MAY 28: MEMORIAL
DAY (PENSION SYSTEM
OFFICE CLOSED)

● JUNE 14: REGULAR
BOARD MEETING

● JUNE 20: FINANCIAL
PLANNING SEMINAR

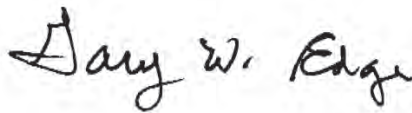
● JULY 4:
INDEPENDENCE DAY
(PENSION SYSTEM
OFFICE CLOSED)

● JULY 12: REGULAR
BOARD MEETING

Trustee Election

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As Trustees, we take our responsibility very seriously, and if you ever have any questions or concerns, feel free to talk to any one of us or to call the Pension System Office at 214.638.3863.



Gary W. Edge

Fire Trustee

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW RETIREES!

FIRE-RESCUE

Ronnie G. Armstrong
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Rex F. Stovall

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Alfredo G. Saldana

Jonathan C. Owen

Hilda A. Spikes

Kent P. Witt

New Real Estate Investment Breaks Ground in Sparks, Nevada

Construction has begun on another project in which the Pension System has a major Investment.

“The Legends at Sparks Marina” is a planned 800,000 square foot shopping and entertainment destination intended to drive tourism to the city of Sparks, Nevada.

Studies indicate the project has the potential to bring another 800,000 tourists to the area each year, bringing the total visitors to the area to 6.3 million annually.



Left to right: Police Trustee Sgt. Steve Shaw, Sparks City Councilman Ron Schmitt, and Police Pensioner Trustee John Mays

Fire Awards Banquet (continued from page 1)

Photos by: Leslie Warnock



Chief Burns presents Lt. Margaret O'Connor with the award for "Staff Officer of the Year"



Chief Burns presents Bn. Chief Stuart Grant with the award for "Fire Officer of the Year"



Fire and Rescue Officer Daniel Diaz is congratulated after receiving the Distinguished Service Award. The second-highest award presented by the Department, the Distinguished Service Award is presented to the uniformed member who risks life in an effort to save another.



Chief Burns presents Driver Tony Aguilar with the award for "Paramedic of the Year"



Chief Burns presents Second Driver Richard Jolly with the "Community Service Award"

From the Administrator

By Richard Tettamant, Pension System Administrator



Richard Tettamant

Making the decision to retire can be exciting, but you may have some difficult choices to make. Your decisions will affect the rest of your life. Once you decide to retire, the following steps should be followed in order to ensure a smooth transition into retirement:

1. Contact a Benefits Counselor at the Pension Office to schedule an appointment to retire:
2. Bring the following to the retirement appointment:
 - Your spouse, if possible
 - Your and your spouse's birth certificates
 - Your and your spouse's original social security cards
 - The names, social security numbers, and birth certificates of your children.
 - A voided check from the account into which you want your monthly pension payment to be directly deposited. (Your name must be pre-printed on the check.)
3. The Benefits Counselors will explain your options and answer any questions. Before making your final decisions, discuss the retirement and DROP option available to you with your spouse, if applicable, and financial advisor.

Best Wishes,

Richard L. Tettamant

Pension System Administrator

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