

First Responder

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Board to Review 2009 Pension System Budget

By George Tomasovic, Fire-Rescue Trustee and Chairman of Admin. Advisory Committee



It seems like lately you can't pick up a newspaper or watch a newscast without reading or hearing about one organization or another trying to finalize its budget for the coming year. It's a difficult job to try and address all the needs of a city, corporation or pension system (in our case) and still keep costs under control. Our Pension System's staff has been working diligently these past few months preparing our budget for the 2009 calendar year and has once again done an outstanding job. Our staff has consistently provided us with a top notch retirement plan while keeping expenses within our established guidelines. I like to take this opportunity every year

to thank our Administrator and staff for their efforts. The smooth operation and success of our fund depends upon their hard work, and we do appreciate it. The first draft of the 2009 budget has been presented to the Board's Administrative Advisory Committee and the remaining schedule for Board review and approval is as follows::

- **September 11th Board meeting:**

The revised budget will be presented to the full Board

- **October 9th Board meeting:**

The first reading of the budget will be done.

- **November 13th Board meeting:**

The final reading of the budget will be done and the Board is expected to ap-

prove it at this time.

All members are encouraged to participate by attending the October or November meetings to offer their input or comments on the proposed budget.

Further details and information about the budget process will be provided in upcoming newsletters. Please feel free to call your Trustees or the System's office if you have any questions.

George Tomasovic

*Fire-Rescue Trustee
and Chairman of the
Administrative Advisory
Committee*

**Watch for the
Proposed Budget
in the October
and November
newsletters.**

Remembering the Lives of Three Public Servants

Paul Bentley

Paul Bentley, who helped subdue Lee Harvey Oswald at the Texas Theater in 1963, died on July 21.



He was 87. The news of his death was reported in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, and other major newspapers.

Paul served in the military in WWII, then joined the Dallas Police Department in 1947, and served for 21 years.

In 1951, he was the first detective in Dallas to be trained as a polygraph examiner, making Dallas only the second law enforcement agency in Texas to utilize the technology.

But it was the events of November 22, 1963 that he would be remembered for. After President Kennedy was shot in Dallas, followed by the shooting of Officer J.D. Tippitt, DPD personnel converged on the Texas Theater in Oak Cliff after a suspicious person was seen going in without paying.

As some officers came from the stage and the back of the theater, Bentley went upstairs and told the projectionist to turn on the lights.

He then went downstairs, and observed several officers struggling with Oswald, who had pulled a revolver. Bentley recalled that he tried to get as close as he could so that he could grab the weapon. He jumped over several rows of theater seats and tore ligaments in his ankle in the process. During the scuffle, his Masonic ring cut Oswald's face.

Bentley retired from the DPD in 1968. He was active in the Dallas Retired Police and Fire Fighter Association, serving in a variety of roles, the last of which was House Chairman. For the first Sunday meetings, Paul would always arrive early to prepare the hall, and stay late to make sure everything was cleaned up and in order before departing.

Don Flusche, Sr.

Don Flusche retired from the DPD in 1986 after 32 years of service. During his career, he received nu-



merous awards, including the Medal of Honor for saving the life of a ten-year-old girl in a fire in 1963. He was also

one of the first on the scene to secure the Texas Schoolbook Depository after the Kennedy assassination.

Two of his sons followed him into service with the DPD, with one dying in the line of duty in 2001. Don was instrumental in establishing the Dallas Police Memorial, was a founding member of the Dallas Police Association, and was active with various retiree organizations.

Raymond Hawkins

Chief Raymond Hawkins will be remembered for his 33 years of service, re-



tiring as a Deputy Chief. His co-workers described him as "a great commander, but also a great street cop."

Hawkins also was well-respected in the world of boxing, participating in Golden Gloves as a youth, and later serving as a tournament director. He also served as a professional boxing judge, scoring fights in North America, France, and Japan.

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We wish to express our sincere condolences to the families of these fine public servants.

PENSION SYSTEM CALENDAR

- September 1, 2008
Labor Day - Pension System
Office Closed
- September 11, 2008
Monthly Board Meeting
- September 25, 2008
PREP Seminar
- October 9, 2008
Monthly Board Meeting
- October 27-30, 2008
Annual Board Workshop

Gearing Up for Relocation

Mid September Target Date for Move of Pension System Office

As of this printing, we are scheduled to move to our new location at 4100 Harry Hines Boulevard this month.

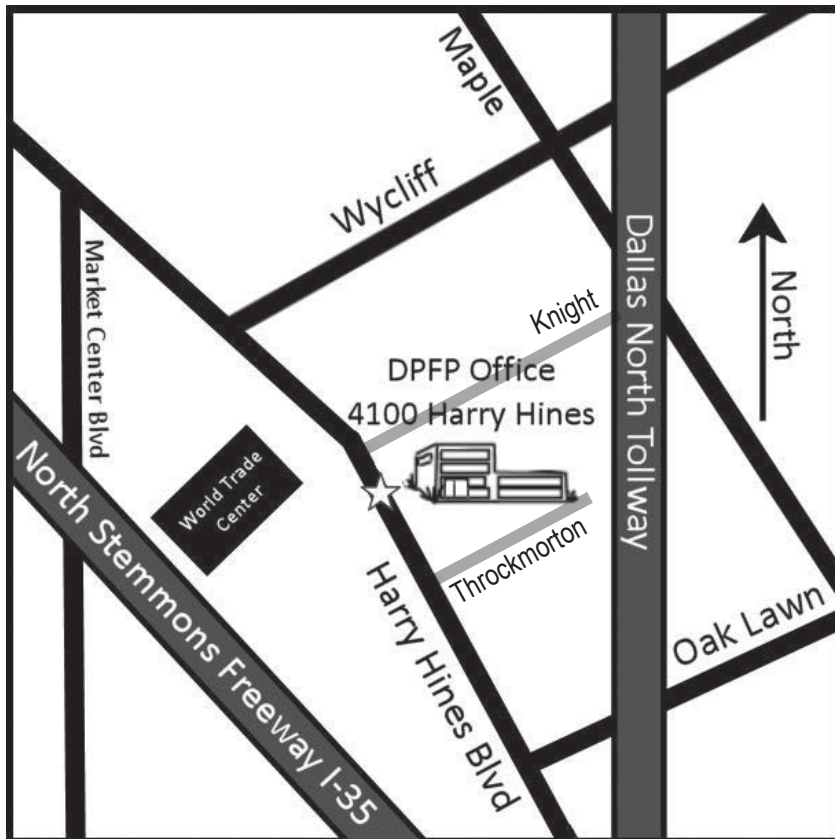
As this newsletter is going to press, our last day at our Akard Street address is planned for September 12, and the first day of business at our new location is scheduled for September 15.

We are excited about the move, because the new building will enable us to serve you better. We will have more space for our educational seminars, room for retiree gatherings, more coun-

seling rooms, and plenty of parking.

As with any construction project, dates are tentative and are subject to change. If you are planning to come by the office this month, please call first to confirm our location and availability. Our phone numbers will remain the same. Also, you may check our Website for the most up to date schedule for the move (www.dpfp.org).

There is a map provided below so that you can easily find our new facility.



The location of our new facility will be 4100 Harry Hines Boulevard, between Throckmorton and Knight Streets.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW RETIREES!

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From the Administrator

By Richard L. Tettamant, Pension System Administrator



In this month's newsletter, we have several items of interest. On page one, Fire Trustee George Tomasovic explains the budget process for the Pension System. George serves as Chairman of the Administrative Advisory Committee.

On page 2, we honor three DPD Retirees who recently passed away. Many lives were positively impacted by the service of Paul Bentley, Raymond Hawkins, and Don Flusche, Sr. These fine public servants will be missed.

And finally, we are gearing up for relocation of our offices. All the details, including a map to the new facility, are on page three.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to call us.

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