

First Responder

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Pension System Gearing up for 2009 Education Programs

By Sgt. Steve Umlor, Police Trustee

The Pension System provides training in order to help you plan for retirement. The Pre-Retirement Education Program (PREP) and the

Financial Planning Seminar are day long seminars that will equip you with valuable planning tools for your future.

Pension System benefits, City of Dallas 401(k) and 457 plans, wills and estates, Social Security benefits, survivor benefits, health insurance, and retirement investing.



Sgt. Steve Umlor
Police Trustee

PREP Sessions

- March 17
- May 20
- August 6
- September 24
- November 5

Financial Planning Sessions

- April 22
- June 16

PREP

Going to PREP gives you tools for retirement planning and points to sources for more in-depth financial and legal analysis of your personal finances. Our lineup of informative topics includes

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Active Firefighters Serve Retirees at Fire Museum Luncheon



Photo: Kevin Killingsworth

Left to Right - Bill Tabor (St. 19), Robert Taylor (St. 19), Bob Hargrove (St. 19), Steve Lopez (6 Dist.), Steve Hollywood (St. 19), Rett Blankenship (St. 11), and Sammy Williams (St. 19)

Each October, Dallas Fire Retirees gather for a hamburger lunch at the Fire Museum, and each year, active firefighters, rookies, and the Fire Auxiliary help make the event a success.

This year, early morning rain storms altered the plan somewhat, and the tables were moved indoors. Even so, over 150 retirees were in attendance.

Member Education Program for 2009

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Financial Planning

In addition to PREP, the Pension System now offers a class in Financial Planning. The Financial Planning seminar differs from PREP in that it focuses on financial planning issues and presents this information in more detail.

You will learn how to calculate your net worth, review your income sources, and set new financial goals. You also will learn about various investment instruments, such as bonds, stocks, and mutual funds, and learn how to read and interpret stock market information and other information to help you meet your investment goals. For post-retirement, you will learn about Medicare, Social Security benefits, long-term

care, survivor benefits, and estate planning. Finally, you will be briefed on health insurance and life insurance issues.

Both PREP and Financial Planning training can be used for TCLEOS (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards) credit for Police Officers.

Registration

To register for PREP or Financial Planning, call the Pension System Office at 214.638.3863 or 1.800.638.3861. To reserve your space, we require a check in the amount of \$30.00, which will be returned to you at the end of the day when you complete the seminar.

Our Sincere Sympathy

The Board and Staff of the Pension System wish to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of DPD Officer Shanta D. Flowers, who passed away on November 17 after an extended illness. Ms. Flowers was assigned to the South Central Patrol division, and was 31 years of age. She is survived by her father and her mother, who both live out of state.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW RETIREES!

FIRE

Ervin C. Jackson

POLICE

Willie Braggs, Jr.

Oscar L. Cantu

Ricky J. Gaddis

Michael B. McGee


Donald R. O'Donnel


Dean A. Sorenson


David M. Thomas

Minh Q. Tran

PENSION SYSTEM CALENDAR

 December 11, 2008
Monthly Board Meeting

 December 25, 2008
Office closed for Christmas

 January 1, 2009
Office closed for New Years' Day

Pension System Relocation Update

– Check our Website for Information on our Move

As of December 1, we are still in our Akard Street location, but soon, we will move to our new location at 4100 Harry Hines Boulevard.

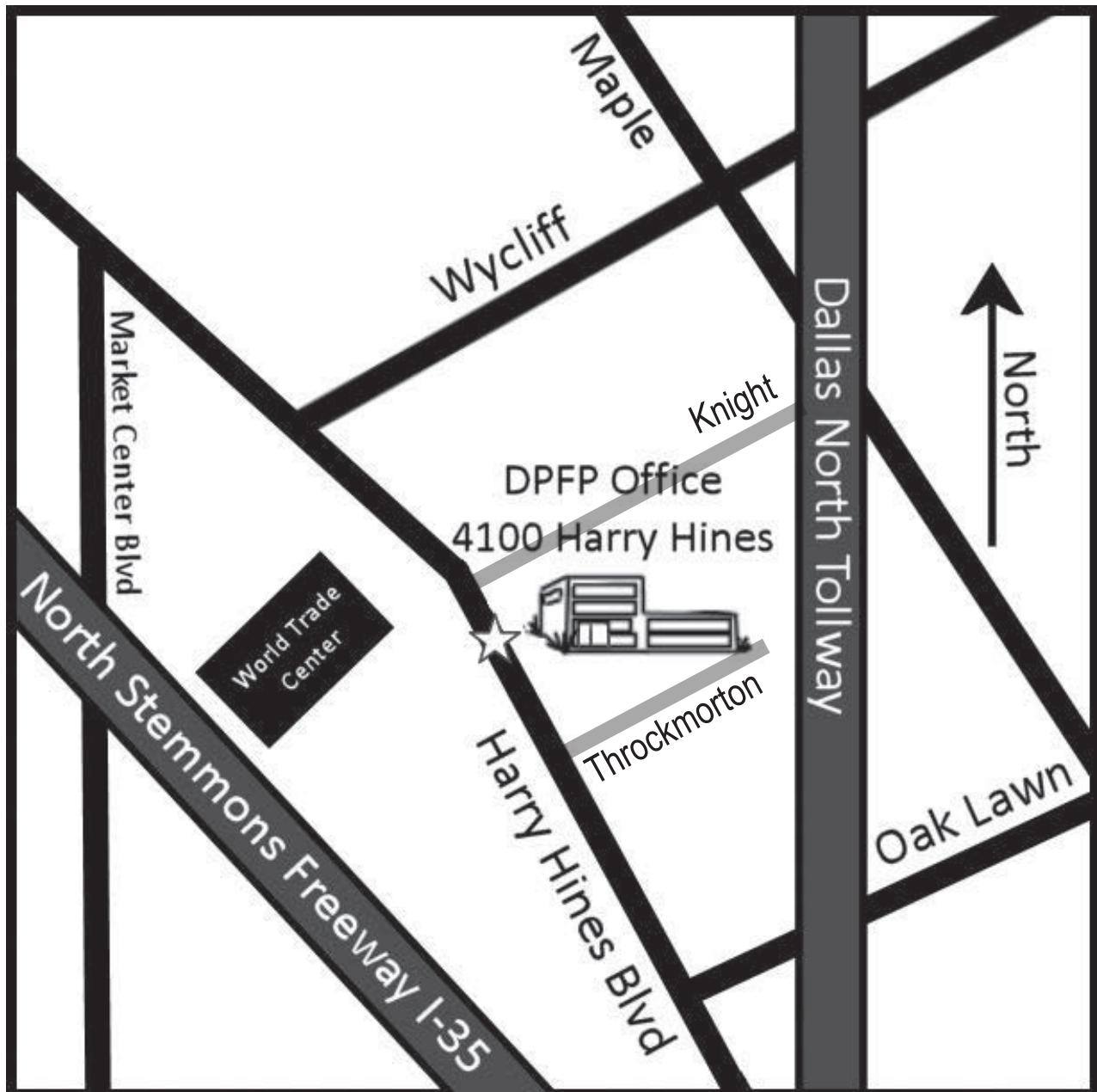
Please check our Website (www.dpfp.org) for the most

up-to-date information regarding our move.

Our new facility will enable us to serve you better. We will have more space for our educational seminars, room for retiree gatherings, more

counseling rooms, and plenty of parking.

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.



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



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From the Administrator

**By Richard L. Tettamant,
Pension System Administrator**



On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Pension System Staff, we wish you the very best for the holidays.

As we wrap up the year, I wanted to mention again that the Board works for you, and along with our investment managers, carries out our investment policies. For a detailed look at these policies, go to our Website at www.dpfp.org and look under the "Latest News" section on the home page, under "How we Invest."

We are pleased to announce that the Pension System ranks number one in investment performance among all public pension systems in our investment consultants database, for the three and five year periods ending June 30, 2008.

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



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