

First Responder

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Trustee Election is Underway -- Ends April 6

Voting in the 2009 Trustee Election began on Friday, March 27, and will end at noon on Monday, April 6.

The Board will certify the results of the election at the Board meeting on April 9, and will determine if there will need to be a run-

off election in any of the races.

Three active places are up for election. Lt. Gerald Brown is unopposed for Fire Trustee Place 1, so there will not be a race for that Trustee position. Lt. Brown will be deemed

elected in accordance with the Pension System's election procedures.

There are two candidates for Police Trustee Place 1: the incumbent, Sgt. Steve Umlor, and Sr. Cpl. Eric Jez.

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DPFP Green Focuses on Environmental Responsibility

The Dallas Police and Fire Pension System believes in our responsibility to our members, their families, and future Police Officers and Firefighters. One of the ways that we can care for our Members is to do whatever we can to protect our environment. This environment-friendly mindset has been referred to as being "green."

We want to do things that



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Our environmentally-friendly initiatives are highlighted at DPFP Green, on the Website www.dpfp.org/green

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will positively affect our surroundings. We can accomplish this in a variety of ways.

Our new headquarters was refurbished using Green Building Standards, giving us a building which operates in such a way that it is more energy efficient and has less of an impact on the environment. A cistern is now being constructed for the collection of rainwater and re-use for irrigation. The building features large windows to let in natural light, and the lighting in the building utilizes compact fluorescent lights (cfl's) which use a fraction of the energy of conventional light bulbs.

Our Trustees have researched and invested in environmentally conscious investments. For instance, we have invested with Sustainable Asset Management (S.A.M.), a firm that invests in companies which deal in

things such as water, energy, resource efficiency, climate change and healthy living.

Another one of our investment managers, Ecotrends Investing, invests in companies which are committed to providing solutions to environmental concerns, including the EcoEnergy, Pollution Control, and Clean Water Sectors.

We invest in timber through RMK Timberland group, whose goal is to achieve competitive timberland investment returns while exercising environmental stewardship. They believe that active and environmentally responsible forest management is good business.

The City of Dallas is also very involved in environmental concerns, and we have provided a link to their Website, Green Dallas (www.greendallas.net). The site provides tips on "going green," along with information on air quality, climate change, green buildings, water, recycling, and more.

To learn more about our green initiatives, visit our Website at www.dpfp.org, or go directly to **DPFP Green** at www.dpfp.org/green.

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There are 6 candidates for Fire Trustee Place 3, which is a special election to fill the remaining portion of the term of Gary Edge, who resigned from his position in anticipation of retirement. Those candidates are (in alphabetical order) Dr. Engr. James Brad-dock, Capt. Michael Buehler, Lt. Dicky Ewing, Dr. Engr. Rick Lee, FRO Rick Salinas, and Lt. Greg Sturch.

If a run-off election is required, it will run from May 1 through May 8.

If you have not received your election packet, you must come to the Pension System Office to place your vote. If you have any questions or concerns, call us at 214.638.3863.

2009 Trustee Election

(Remaining Schedule)

March 27 - April 6

Voting 8 a.m. March 27 to
12 p.m. (noon) April 6

April 9

Board certifies election results
at Regular Board meeting

May 1 - May 8

Run-off election if necessary
Voting 8 a.m. May 1 to
12 p.m. (noon) May 8

June 1

New Trustee terms begin;
(Current terms end May 31)

Sign Up for Classes Now!

The next Financial Planning Class is April 22, and the next PREP Class is May 20. To register or for more information, e-mail kristenh@dpfp.org or call Kristen Holcomb at 214.638.3863.

Our Sincere Condolences

James G. Westbrook



The Board and Staff of the Pension System wish to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of DPD Senior Corporal James G. Westbrook, who passed away on February 21.

Sr. Cpl. Westbrook spent most of his career at Southwest, and was assigned to the property room at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Lindee, and three sons, his parents, and his sister.

Amanda Towns



Amanda Towns, an Administrative Clerk with the Pension System, passed away on February 14 after a lengthy illness.

The Board and Staff of the Pension System wish to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Amanda. She is survived by her husband, Vinson Towns, daughter, Zoie Towns, parents, brothers and sisters.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW RETIREES!

POLICE

William B. Buchanan
Gladys P. Chatman
Calvin A. Cunigan
Ronald G. Hale
John C. Henderson
Howard E. Johnson
Michael C. Mason
Jack Misak
Steven B. Oulliber
Curtis Watts

FIRE

Larry G. Bailey
Jake J. Escamilla
Kenneth D. Foster
Harold L. Sumner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 9: Regular
Board Meeting

April 22: Financial
Planning Class

May 14: Regular
Board Meeting

May 20: PREP Class

June 11: Regular
Board Meeting

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Currently at our Website, you can find:

- Answers to the most frequently asked questions
- The latest news from your Pension System
- Agendas of all Board meetings (posted 72 hours in advance of each meeting)
- Minutes of previous Board meetings
- Web Member Services — Allows you to securely sign-in and review your Pension information
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From the Administrator

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



Welcome to Spring! I hope you have been enjoying the mild weather.

In this issue of the *First Responder*, we wanted to remind you that the Trustee election is underway now. The details begin on page 1, including the remaining election schedule. I encourage you to take the time to vote. It is a simple and easy process.

Also, we recently launched a section on our Website that focuses on what the Pension System is doing to be environmentally responsible. We call the program *DPFP Green*. The details on *DPFP Green* also begin on page 1.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact us by phone, or by e-mail at info@dpfp.org.

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