



First Responder

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Pension System Watching the Texas Legislature

The Board of Trustees and staff of the Pension System is doing everything possible to keep the system strong.

One of the methods used is to monitor the legislative process in Austin and Washington, and voice our concerns

to our elected representatives when necessary.

The first week of May, we were alerted to legislation in Austin that could have removed local control that a Board of Trustees like ours has over its Pension System.

We mobilized our members through our Web site and various e-mail lists to send e-mails



Gerald Brown
Chairman

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Dallas Honors Fallen Police Officers

On Wednesday, May 13, the City of Dallas honored all 79 DPD officers killed in the line of duty. The cer-

emony featured an honor guard, a bagpipe and drum corps, two buglers, the Dallas Police choir, a wreath-

laying ceremony, and the reading of the names of each fallen officer.



Pension System Watching Legislation

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expressing opposition to the bill. We received over 600 e-mails that were then forwarded to key legislators in Austin.

As of May 22nd, it looks like we have succeeded in keeping the objectionable provisions out of the bill. Although local plans like ours have

been removed from the bill, we will continue to monitor the bill in the legislative process to protect your interests.

We thank you for your quick response, and we will keep you posted on legislative issues as they come up.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 11: Regular Board Meeting
- June 16: Financial Planning Class
- July 3: Pension System Office Closed
- July 9: Regular Board Meeting

Board Honors Former Board Member Gary Edge

At the quarterly financial meeting of the Board on May 12, the Board of Trustees and staff honored former Board Member Gary Edge for his 14 years of service as a Trustee for the Pension System.

He was presented with a plaque inscribed with these words:

“Presented in appreciation to Gary W. Edge in recognition of exceptional service on the Board of Trustees

from 1995 through 2009

In appreciation for the time and effort you have extended to preserve and improve the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System / Your fine work shall not be forgotten.”



Former Board Member Gary Edge (center) is presented an award for his years of service by Gerald Brown, Chairman of the Board of Trustees (right) and Richard Tettamant, Pension System Administrator (left)

Attending our Education Programs Helps You Plan for the Future

We have two training classes which will help you prepare for your financial future: PREP (Pre-Retirement Education Program) and Financial Planning.

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

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. You will 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 TCLEOSE (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education) credit for Police Officers.

The next Financial Planning class is scheduled for June 16, while the next PREP Class is scheduled for August 6.

To register or for more information, e-mail kristenh@dpfp.org or call Kristen Holcomb at 214.638.3863.

www.dpfp.org

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*
- *Pension System forms*
- *Active and Pensioner Newsletters*
- *... And More!!!*

CONGRATULATIONS NEW RETIREES!

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From the Administrator

By Richard L. Tettamant, Pension System Administrator



In this June 2009 issue of the *First Responder*, we want to update you on what has been happening in the Texas legislature. See page 1 for this article. Also on page 1, we have some photos and a summary to share from the Dallas Police Memorial ceremony that was held on May 13.

Have you considered attending a PREP or Financial Planning class? On page 3, find out what to expect when you attend one of our education sessions. There is also registration information included. The next Financial Planning class is on June 16.

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

Richard L. Tettamant
Pension System Administrator

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