



JACKSONVILLE POLICE AND FIRE PENSION NEWS

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August is a Big Month for the PFPF

Written By Beth McCague, Consultant



Tim Johnson

Two watershed events which will have major impact on the Fund are happening this month. The first day of the month your new permanent Executive Director and Plan Administrator steps in to his role. He is Timothy H. Johnson from Pittsburgh PA. He will be the second permanent

director of Fund since its establishment as an independent agency in 1990. Tim has unique talents and experiences that impressed the Board during the extensive selection and interview process.

Tim has worked in government positions since 2004 including serving as Administrative Services Director for the County of Allegheny. From 2006-2011 he served as a member of the Retirement Board of Allegheny County. In 2012 he was appointed Executive Director of the Allegheny County Employees' Retirement System. Prior to his government experience Tim worked as a banker in Pittsburgh. His experiences in each of these roles give him firsthand knowledge to the importance of building strong relationships with government officials as well as Fund members. You will find Tim to be a talented communicator and a leader very willing to hear from all constituencies.

He has been active in the Allegheny area community serving on the University Of Pittsburgh Institute Of Politics Pension Subcommittee, the Val Stone Opportunity Fund IV, Advisory Committee and the Pennsylvania Association of Public Retirement Systems Board of Trustees. He has also been very active in his church most recently spearheading a \$3 million fund raising effort to build a new facility.

Tim received a BS in Business Administration from Duquesne University and a Master of Science in Organizational Development from Robert Morris University. Tim and his wife Atiyya Abdelmalik are empty nesters and we look forward to having them as new additions to the Jacksonville community.

The second major event for the Fund occurs near the end of the month. The surtax referendum will be on the August 30th ballot. On that day voters will decide whether or not to extend a 1/2 cent sales tax with the proceeds to be solely dedicated to the payment of the unfunded liability in the three City pension plans. We still don't know the details of how and when these proceeds would be available to the fund and we won't know that until 1. The surtax passes and 2. The City negotiations with the Unions are successfully completed. A dedicated source of funding is a very positive step to fix the pension unfunded liability problem. Having a steady stream of revenue dedicated to resolving this problem is a unique and workable solution.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Interim Director over these past eight months. I will be helping Tim transition to his new role as he needs me. I expect he is a quick study and will move smoothly into this important new responsibility.

October, 2016 DROP

— Attention Active Employees —

Enrollments in the next quarterly DROP Class have begun! Please contact Steve Lundy @ 904-255-7373 to schedule an appointment. Call soon! The enrollment deadline is September 2nd at 12:00PM.

Please remember you must have 20 years of service before the DROP date of October 8th, 2016 to enroll in the October DROP.

NOTICE: The Pension Fund office will be closed on September 5th in observance of Labor Day.

Final Roll Call

CLYDE E. DYER JR., July 6, 2016

Fire Fighter Engineer, 27 yrs. Service (Retired 1977)

JAMES T. COSTNER JR., July 7, 2016

Fire Fighter Engineer, 6 yrs. Service (Active)

CLARENCE B. TOMPKINS, July 29, 2016

Police Sergeant, 23 yrs. Service (Retired 1980)

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States Work to Give More People Access to Retirement Plans

A survey by bankrate.com shows that 26 percent of workers age 50 to 64 report that they aren't saving for retirement. Nearly a third of those age 30 to 49 haven't saved for retirement, and 69 percent of workers 18 to 29 aren't saving at all, according to USA Today.

In another study, 75 percent of part-time workers don't have access to workplace retirement plans.

Individual states are working to include more workers in retirement plans. California, Illinois, Massachusetts and Oregon passed legislation last year that will go into effect in 2017.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, will introduce bipartisan legislation to encourage small employers to offer retirement plans and provide incentives for employees to save more for retirement. The Collins-Nelson Retirement Security Act of 2015 is co-sponsored by Bill Nelson, D-Fla.

The Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program goes into effect in 2017 and will act like a 401(k). It will establish accounts for 2.5 million Illinois workers not covered by retirement accounts. Employers don't have to contribute and administration will be done by an investment company to be hired by the state.

According to the AARP, other states are considering similar legislation, including Vermont, Connecticut and Minnesota. The plans, called Work and Save, offer payroll deduction. Companies don't have to pay for administration.

AARP says that right now, about half of Americans don't have a way to save for retirement at work, which is why they have only \$3,000 saved. AARP is also asking companies to include part-time workers in their 401(k) plans.

The organization says small companies could offer coverage by joining a large plan, bringing down costs.

ATTENTION RETIREES

— Annual Affidavits —

Retirees of the PFPF, please be on the lookout for your annual affidavit in your mail this month!

Every year we send out your affidavit for you to sign and have notarized, which shows that you are still entitled to your pension. Please complete the affidavit and return it to us as soon as you can.

For your convenience, you may visit us at the Pension Office to return your affidavit. We will even notarize your affidavit for you (please bring photo ID) free of charge!

POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUND MONTHLY PERFORMANCE UPDATE

(as of June 30, 2016)

	<u>\$ Assets</u>	<u>FYTD</u>	<u>1 Month</u>	<u>3 Month</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>	<u>5 Year</u>
Total Fund Composite	\$ 1,637,026,562	6.28 %	0.30 %	2.27 %	-1.72 %	6.59 %	7.11 %

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<http://www.coj.net/departments/police-fire-pension-fund/annual-report>

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