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**TO: CERTIFYING OFFICERS OF THE
POLICE AND FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PFRS)**

FROM: HANK SCHWEDES, BOARD SECRETARY 
POLICE AND FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM

SUBJECT: PFRS NOTICE OF ELECTION

This certifying officer letter and the attached notice for the 2015 Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) "firefighter" election is being transmitted to you electronically and will require your electronic response.

We are seeking your assistance in servicing an election for one "Firefighting" Representative position, to the PFRS Board of Trustees. A Fire representative will be elected for a four-year term as of July 1, 2016. Candidates for all positions must now qualify by electronic nomination.

We are requesting that you distribute the attached election notice electronically to each PFRS firefighting member employed at your location, as the information will explain the pre-election procedures. It is most important that each individual active PFRS Fire member receives this notice. If you are the certifying officer for multiple locations, you will only receive one certifying officer letter and will be required to distribute the attached election notice to active PFRS Fire members at all locations. Your attention to this distribution is required as regulated by N.J.A.C. 17:4-1.4.

We ask that you distribute this notice by the preferred method of distribution, which is *electronically by no later than September 25, 2015*. If you are not able to accommodate electronic distribution, please make copies of the notice and provide to all active PFRS Fire employees. In addition, if you maintain a website for your employees, you may post the notice there and in any other appropriate public place at your location

It is very important that you confirm distribution of this notice. To confirm distribution of the notice to your active PFRS employees, please send an email to NJBOT.ELECT@treas.nj.gov.

Thank you for your prompt assistance in the timely response and distribution of this notice.

Attachment: Election Notice

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, POLICE AND FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PFRS)
DIVISION OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS - NOTICE OF PFRS ELECTIONS
One State Street Square - 50 West State Street - P.O. BOX 295 - Trenton, NJ 08625-0295 or
NJBOT.Nomination@treas.nj.gov

Nominations are being accepted to fill the position of one elected firefighting officer to the PFRS Board of Trustees. The term will begin on July 1, 2016 and will expire on June 30, 2020. If you wish to declare your interest in running for the position, please send a written request to the PFRS Board Secretary at <mailto:NJBOT.Nomination@treas.nj.gov> or PO Box 295, Trenton, NJ 08625-0295.

The general responsibility for the operation of the PFRS is vested in the Board of Trustees under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:16A-13. The Board meets monthly at the Division of Pensions and Benefits in Trenton. The statute provides that no employee shall suffer loss of salary or wages because of serving on the Board. A member who wishes to be a candidate for the firefighting position must be an active PFRS firefighter and must be nominated by at least 300 active PFRS firefighting members. **Only active PFRS firefighting members may nominate a candidate for the PFRS fire position.**

After the candidates have declared their interest in becoming a PFRS representative, nominations to support your choice for a candidate are now made electronically through a secure website. Please be sure to allow sufficient time after this notification for active firefighting members to request candidacy and to have ample time for the vendor to enter the member's name to the online system. Afterwards, the process is very easy and it only takes a few minutes to support the candidate of your choice. You just need to have access to a computer and log on to <HTTPS://VOTE.ELECTION-AMERICA.COM/PFRS-FIRE> and follow the simple directions. You will need to provide is the last 4 digits of your social security number, the first 4 letters of your last name, and your birthdate. The list of those declaring their interest in being a candidate will then be available for your selection

Nominations must be registered on-line on or before 4:00 p.m. Friday December 4, 2015. If an election is needed, the ballots will be mailed to the PFRS employers on or about March 1, 2016. All qualified candidates will be invited to attend the drawing by lot for position on the ballot, if necessary, on January 11, 2016.

PRESENT MEMBERS – TERM

Police Officers: Keith Bennett-6/30/18; Michael Kaniuk-8/31/19; **Firefighters:** Timothy Colacci-6/30/16*; Brady Middlesworth-6/30/18; **Retired Member:** Marty Barrett-12/31/16; **Gubernatorial Appointments:** Laurel Brennan; Frank Leake; Richard Loccke; Vacant Position; **State Treasurer Representative:** Susanne Culliton, Ex Officio Member.

PFRS BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

- Render determinations regarding Disability retirement cases.
- Review appeals pertaining to the disallowance of pension benefits.
- Adopt rules and regulations to provide for the payment of benefits and collection of monies as required by the statute.
- Establish rules and regulation within the limitations of statutes and opinions of the Courts and the Attorney General, designed to prevent injustices and inequities that may arise in the operation of the Retirement System.
- Resolve individual questions on the merits of each case in terms of statutes, opinions of the Attorney General, advice of the Actuary and cases cited by counsel as deliberated by the Courts.
- View monthly and annual reports setting forth data such as assets and liabilities, income and disbursements and statistical summarization of membership as documented by the Actuary.