

**CITY PENSION FUND FOR  
FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS  
IN THE CITY OF TAMPA**

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Re: 13<sup>th</sup> Check Benefit

Dear Pensioner:

The Tampa Fire & Police Pension Board is pleased to announce the amount of the 13<sup>th</sup> check benefit to be paid no later than June 30, 2008. This 13<sup>th</sup> check will be \$11,231.00 for eligible retirees (retiring or entering DROP on or before 10/1/2006) and \$5,615.50 for eligible surviving spouses. The 13<sup>th</sup> check amount is the same for all retirees regardless of years of service, age, years retired, or monthly installments. Eligible surviving spouses receive one half of that received by retirees.

The 13<sup>th</sup> check will be a separate transaction from your regular June monthly pension benefit. If your entire monthly pension check is direct deposited, then your entire 13<sup>th</sup> check will be direct deposited no later than June 30, 2008. If any portion of your monthly pension check is mailed to you, your entire 13<sup>th</sup> check will be mailed to you no later than June 30, 2008. If this 13<sup>th</sup> check benefit is distributed any earlier than June 30, 2008, the earlier date will be posted on the pension fund's website. For anyone subject to tax withholding from your regular pension check, the same tax withholding type (i.e. M02, S00 or set W4P dollar amount) will apply to this check. No other deductions will be withheld from your 13<sup>th</sup> check.

For those participants who do not have your entire monthly benefit direct deposited, full participation in direct deposit is strongly recommended. Direct deposits are processed and received more rapidly and consistently than relying on the U.S. Mail. In the event of a natural disaster that closes City of Tampa facilities, such as a hurricane, direct deposits can be processed remotely more rapidly and reliably than paper checks that must be sent through the U.S. Mail. Please recall that direct deposit is mandatory for those separating from service on or after 10/1/2002, and direct deposit is encouraged for retirees, eligible surviving spouses and minor children who began drawing benefits before that time. If you don't already use net direct deposit, we encourage you to do so. You can request a direct deposit form from the pension office by calling (813) 274-8550 or (888) 335-8550 – toll free and it will be mailed to you with a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience.

Please recall that the Board of Trustees and staff are prohibited from providing personal tax or financial planning advice, and you are advised to seek independent personal tax and financial planning advice.

We hope that you enjoy this 13<sup>th</sup> check benefit in good health.

Sincerely,

Patrick S. Lynch  
Chairman

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