



***EDEN PRAIRIE FIREFIGHTER  
RELIEF ASSOCIATION  
2017 ANNUAL REPORT***

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	<b>Board of Trustees</b>	
Trustee	President	Mike Luger
Trustee	Vice President	Eric S. Hayes
Trustee	Secretary	Thomas Wilson
Trustee	Treasurer	Glenn Toewe
Trustee		Travis Jacobs
Trustee		Colin O'Brien
Ex-officio	City Eden Prairie, Fire Chief	Mr. George Esbensen
Ex-officio	City Eden Prairie, Finance Director	Mrs. Sue Kotchevar
Ex-officio	City Eden Prairie, Council Member	Mr. Ron Case

## President's Message

This annual report reflects the financial position of the Eden Prairie Firefighter Relief Association (EPFFRA), as of December 31, 2017. CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, a licensed, certified public accounting firm, has been hired by the Eden Prairie Firefighter Relief Association to supply the necessary audit to provide a fair presentation of the financial statements, as well as adhering to ongoing legal requirements for our day-to-day operations.

### **Investment Balances**

2017 was a good year for the Relief Association pension investments. Below are calendar year-end market values of the investments held at Wells Fargo Bank.

2017 - \$22,486,864

2016 - \$19,779,254

2015 - \$19,503,021

### **Legislation**

Work continued throughout 2017 with respect to the changes of the Minnesota State Statutes on two issues. The first piece of legislation involves the maximum lump-sum payments allowed under state statute. The Association sought to increase the maximum lump-sum service pension amount payable for each year of service from \$10,000 per year to \$15,000. The second piece of legislation was a return to service provision. This legislation will allow a member of the fire department who is vested and over the age of 50 to retire, receive their pension, and then after a short break come back to service and start a new pension with a shorter vesting period. Both pieces of legislation were specific to the Eden Prairie Firefighter Relief Association.

The Minnesota Legislature passed the Omnibus Pension Bill that included EPFFRA legislation and the Governor signed the legislation into law at the end of May 2018. As a result, the board is working to increase our current lump-sum pension amount to a value on parity with the present value of the monthly pension amount. In addition, we are working to incorporate language of the return to service provisions into the Association bylaws. This effort will include seeking a bylaw change to be approved by both Association membership and Eden Prairie City Council.

### **Thank you Glenn**

A very big "Thank You" to Glenn Toewe in recognition to all of his time and energy he has given to the Association over the years. He has served the EPFFRA and its members for the past 18 years, 15 of those years in the role of Treasurer. Glenn is stepping down as of the 2018 Annual Meeting.

### **Benefit Eligible**

Lastly, two members have become eligible for retirement benefits. I would like to recognize them for their years of service and to offer congratulations for a deserving pension.

***Mrs. Anne Marchand-Tauer***      ***10 years of service***

***Mr. Ward Parker***                      ***14 years of service***

As a reminder to all members, Association meetings are open to the membership and your attendance is welcomed and encouraged.

Michael G. Luger  
President

**Special Account- Anchor Bank**

<b>Beginning Balance (12/31/2016)</b>	<b>94,695.07</b>
<b>Income</b>	
ADP (credit, 1099s)	672.75
Funds Transfer (from Wells Fargo CBS Partners)	1,117,500.00
Interest	15.05
MN Dept. of Revenue (Supplemental Benefit Reimbursement)	1,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,119,187.80</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
ADP (Payroll Processing)	3,911.00
Best & Flannagan (Legal Fees)	375.00
CliftonLarsonAllen (Audit)	6,445.00
Hildi Inc. (Actuary)	7,450.00
Pension Benefits	1,084,112.08
Robyn Rowen & Associates (Lobbyist)	6,856.25
Transfer to General Account	163.18
Trustee Payroll (Officers)	9,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,118,812.51</b>
<b>Ending Balance (12/31/2017)</b>	<b>95,070.36</b>

**General Account- Anchor Bank**

<b>Beginning Balance (12/31/2016)</b>	<b>3,293.32</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Donations (Received)	1,325.00
Membership Dues	4,101.52
Received from Special Account (postage/1099s)	163.18
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,589.70</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Flowers	1,126.71
Office Supplies	94.34
Postage	68.84
Trustee Pay	1,900.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,189.89</b>
<b>Ending Balance (12/31/2017)</b>	<b>5,693.13</b>

**Investment Consulting Fees**

CBS Partners of Wells Fargo Wealth Management

Period	Market Value	Quarterly Fee
Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2017	\$ 21,368,573.70	23,831.86
Apr 1 - Jun 30, 2017	\$ 21,671,996.55	24,213.49
Jul 1 - Sep 30, 2017	\$ 22,044,989.26	24,406.75
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2017	\$ 22,486,864.39	24,606.11
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>97,058.21</b>

## **Association Membership**

(as of 12.31.2017)

Active Members:	100
Deferred Members:	20
Retired Members:	92
- Pension Benefit (89)	
- Disability Benefit (3)	
Surviving Spouse:	8
<b>Total Membership:</b>	<b>220</b>

### ***Changes to Membership***

<b>New Members:</b>	Richard Amy Emily Anderson Tony Arndt Deanna Bassett Keegan Geske Mick LoMastro Ryan Mass Mudzingwa Mhiripiri Anthony Miller Daniel O'Leary Mario Terrazas John Williams
<b>Active to Retired:</b>	Anne Marchand-Tauer
<b>Deferred to Retired:</b>	Ward Parker
<b>Active to Deferred:</b>	Aaron Casper Kelly Hanink Jay O'Connell Mark Salo Philip Skeie Steven Tessmann
<b>Inactive:</b>	John Adie Robert Flakne Allison Fullerton D.J. Kraus Wyatt Rousu Steven Sweiven

### ***Deferred Members***

Jeff Carrane (13)	Mark Salo (10)
Aaron Casper (10)	Philip Skeie (11)
Greg Gunderson (10)	Kip Springer (20)
Andrew Hamilton (10)	Steven Tessmann (12)
Kelly Hanink (10)	Doug Thies (19)
Scott Hanlon (11)	Dave Thompson (10)
Jess Irmiter (10)	Jeremy Van Buesekom (10)
Scott Oberlander (13)	Rebecca White (10)
Jay O'Connell (21)	Shaun White (10)
Ryan Quinn (10)	Brian Weinholz (11)



## **2018 Meeting Calendar**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Meeting Type</u></b>	
1/25/18	5:00p	Fire Station #1	Investment / Regular	**
2/22/18	5:30p	Fire Station #1	Regular	
3/22/18	5:30p	Fire Station #1	Regular	
4/26/18	5:00p	Fire Station #1	Investment / Regular	**
5/24/18	5:30p	Fire Station #1	Regular	
6/14/18	7:15p	Henn Tech Coll.	Annual	
6/28/18	5:30p	Fire Station #1	Regular	
7/26/18	5:00p	Fire Station #1	Investment / Regular	**
8/xx/18	No Meeting Scheduled			
9/27/18	5:30p	Fire Station #1	Regular	
10/25/18	5:00p	Fire Station #1	Investment / Regular	**
11/15/18	5:30p	Fire Station #1	Regular	
12/20/18	5:30p	Fire Station #1	Regular	

*\*\* portfolio review with WellsFargo, meeting starts at 5:00pm*

Meetings are open to all Association members and your attendance is encouraged.

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