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1. Effective January 1, 1991:

- a) The Police Officers' Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) was established;
- b) The benefit formula was changed from 2½% of average monthly earnings multiplied by service up to 30 years to 3% of average monthly earnings multiplied by service up to 27 years; and
- c) The normal retirement age was changed from age 50 to the earlier of age 50 or the attainment of 25 years of service.

2. Effective January 2000:

The excess (up to 2%) of the actual asset return over the assumed actuarial return each September 30 would be allocated the following January to retirees and beneficiaries based on service at retirement.

3. Approved April 2001:

- a) Monies received as a result of Chapter 185, Florida Statutes, will no longer be allocated to this System but to a separate trust (effective in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2001).
- b) The benefit formula was changed from 3% of average monthly earnings multiplied by all service up to 27 years to a 3% rate for service up to 20 years and 4% rate for service over 20 years, with a maximum of 88% of average monthly earnings.
- c) Member contribution rate was changed from 7% to 8% of earnings.
- d) A minimum service-injured disability benefit equal to the monthly accrued benefit was added. In addition, this benefit will no longer be offset by worker's compensation, Social Security or other similar benefits.

4. Approved February 2002:

Police Officers at least age 41 and with between 21 and 25 years of service by September 30, 2002 were permitted to retire and granted service up to 4 years to be credited up to a minimum of 25 years and a maximum of 27 years, provided they paid an amount representing their own estimated contributions for the grant of service.

5. Effective October 1, 2004:

Normal form of benefit was changed to life annuity with ten years certain, 50% joint and survivor in compliance with Chapter 99-1 Florida Statutes.



6. Effective October 1, 2006:

- a) The maximum pension benefit was reduced from 88% to 80% of final average salary. The maximum is accrued upon attainment of 22 years of service.
- b) Members with 22 years of service are permitted to enter the DROP with a retirement benefit of 80% of final average salary.
- c) Maximum DROP participation is eight years for members who enter the DROP with 22 years of service on or after October 1, 2006. However, the maximum City service (including service while in the DROP) is limited to 30 years.
- d) Overtime hours were capped at 400 hours per year.
- e) Member contributions were increased from 8.0% to 8.5% of pay.
- f) For participants entering the DROP on or after October 1, 2006, Cost-of-living adjustments do not occur while the member participates in the DROP. Adjustments commence the later of the date the participant leaves the DROP and three years after entry into the DROP.
- g) The life and 10-year certain benefit as the normal form of payment is retroactive to October 1, 2000.
- h) State tax premium distributions (185 Monies) after October 1, 2006 will be used as an offset to the City contribution requirements, not to exceed the annual cost of the benefit improvements. Any future State contributions in excess of the annual cost of the benefit improvements will be accumulated and used for future benefit improvements. Also, the accumulated State excess contribution of \$81,376 as of September 30, 2006 will be used to offset the cost of the proposed benefit improvements.

7. Effective October 1, 2009:

- a) Member contributions were increased from 8.5% to 9% of pay.
- b) For members hired on or after October 1, 2009, his or her DROP account shall earn interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per year. In the event the Plan earnings exceed six percent (6%) per year, the earnings in excess of six percent (6%) up to and including twelve percent (12%) per year shall offset the City's cost of maintaining the DROP program. Earnings in excess of twelve percent (12%) per year shall be equally divided between the DROP participant and the City.





8. Effective October 1, 2010:

- a) Member contributions will be increased from 9% to 9.25% of pay.

9. Effective October 1, 2011:

- a) The benefit structure in effect on September 30, 2011 is frozen at midnight. All members will be vested in benefits accrued to date and payable under the terms and conditions of plan provisions then in effect. Except for members eligible to retire on September 30, 2011, effective October 1, 2011, all members are subject to a new benefit structure applicable to future service. None of the benefit changes will apply to members eligible to retire on September 30, 2011.
  - i. Under the benefit structure effective October 1, 2011 Average Final Compensation means the arithmetic average of earnings for the 60 highest consecutive months of the last 120 months of credited service prior to retirement, termination or death.
  - ii. Under the benefit structure effective October 1, 2011 earnings shall be the sum of the following amounts actually paid to a member: Salary, longevity pay and assignment pay. Earnings shall not include overtime pay, payments for accrued holiday time, payments for accrued blood time, annual cash-out payments for accrued vacation time, payments for accrued compensatory time, and payments for unused sick time or for unused vacation time which is paid upon retirement or termination.
  - iii. A member hired prior to October 1, 2011 with less than ten years of credited service as of September 30, 2011 and a member hired on or after October 1, 2011 may retire on the day he or she attains age 55 and completes ten years of creditable service or on the day he or she attains age 52 and competes 25 years of creditable service. A member with 10 or more years of creditable service as of September 30, 2011 shall retain his or her current normal retirement date.
  - iv. The monthly retirement benefit shall equal 2.0% of average monthly earnings times years of service earned on or after October 1, 2011. If the member retires before attaining age 62, an additional benefit equal to 0.5% of average monthly earnings times continuous service on and after October 1, 2011 shall be paid to age 62.
  - v. A member who does not enter the DROP prior to October 1, 2011 shall not be eligible to enter the DROP, unless the member was eligible to retire as of September 30, 2011.
  - vi. Members of the System shall contribute 9.25% of their earnings.



- vii. There shall be no annual increase (COLA) in retirement benefits under the benefit structure effective October 1, 2011.
- viii. The supplemental pension distribution shall be payable only to retirees (and surviving spouses and other beneficiaries thereof) who reach their normal retirement or enter the DROP on or before September 30, 2011.

10. Effective October 1, 2012:

- a) The multiplier increased to 3.3% for service up to September 30, 2011 for vested members on September 30, 2011 and 3% for all members for service after September 30, 2011.
- b) The Planned Retirement Benefit was added retroactive to October 1, 2011.
- c) Employee contributions were reduced from 9.25% to 8% of pay effective the first full pay period on or after May 1, 2013.

**\* Note: Plan changes that have first been reflected in this valuation are shown in bold print.**