

1977 Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension Secretaries Seminar

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1977 Pension Seminar Agenda

- Opening Remarks –
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- Outreach Presentation –
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- Baseline Process
 Presentation INPRS
- Local Board Standards Dr. Darren Higginbotham





1977 Pension Seminar Agenda, cont.

- Mentor Best Practice Discussion
- Overview of a Pension Board
 - Pension board set up
 - Effects of poor decisions as a pension board
 - Roles and responsibilities of pension board
- How to be an effective pension secretary?
- Pension Secretary Mentor Question Discussion



Pension Seminar Questions

- 1) How many of your departments have a pension board? Can you discuss some of the issues you face?
- 2) How many of you don't have a pension board, can you discuss your challenges of setting up one?
- 3) What are some of the rumors of local boards we need to dismiss?
- 4) Do you face issues with disability hearings, if so, what are they?
- 5) As a pension secretary, what help do you need to become more effective with your unit?
- 6) Do you have an annual pension board meeting?
- 7) How does your department vote for the pension board members to be elected? If so, what is your process?
- 8) Do your pension boards have a meeting process to approve the INPRS application?
- 9) How does your local board document your pension meetings?





1977 Police Officers' and Firefighters' Fund Benefits Presenter: Katrina Farley

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1977 Fund

This presentation explains the benefit provisions applicable to the members of the 1977 Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension and Disability Fund (1977 Fund)

In the event there is a conflict between this presentation and the statutes, your benefits will be determined in accordance with the current 1977 Fund statutes.



General Information

• The 1977 Fund:

 ✓ Provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits
 ✓ Is funded by employer and employee contributions
 ✓ Is administered by the Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS) Board of Trustees



Contributions

Employer Contributions

✓ 18% of the salary of a first class patrolman or first class firefighter, as defined in IC 36-8-1-11 (effective 2021)

✓ Rate is set by the INPRS Board

Employee Contributions

- ✓ 6% of the salary of a first class patrolman or first class firefighter, as defined in IC 36-8-1-11
- ✓ Required until you have completed 32 years of service
- Employer may elect to "pick up" all or part of the employee contributions



Designating Beneficiaries

- Eligible dependents for members of the 1977 Fund are set by statute.
- If there are no eligible beneficiaries, you may designate one or more beneficiaries to receive the contributions plus interest.
- Contributions will be paid to your estate if no eligible dependents and no beneficiary(ies) are designated.





Retirement Benefits



Retirement Benefits

- Your retirement date is the day following your last day of service.
- You may select any date of the month for retirement provided retirement eligibility requirements are met
- Benefits are based on the salary of a first class patrolman or first class firefighter, as defined in IC 36-8-1-11
- Pension benefits are paid as a direct deposit on the 15th of each month.



Normal Retirement Benefits (unreduced pension)

- Lifetime monthly benefit
 - 52% of the salary of a first class patrolman or first class firefighter, as defined in IC 36-8-1-11,
 - in the year you retire if you:

✓ have 20 years of service in the 1977 Fund,

✓ are 52 years of age, and

✓ have retired from service

More than 20 years of service?

Receive an additional 1% of the salary of a first class patrolman or first class firefighter, as defined in IC 36-8-1-11, for each 6 months of active service over 20 years, up to a maximum of 12 additional years. (ex: 30 years equals 72% of base salary)



Early Retirement Benefits (reduced pension)

• *Reduced* lifetime monthly benefits if you:

✓ have 20 years of creditable service in the 1977 Fund, and
✓ are at least 50 years of age

Ex: <u>Early Retirement Age</u> 51 years of age 50 years of age

<u>Benefit Amount</u>94% of benefit paid at age 5288% of benefit paid at age 52

(The actuarial reduction factor is based on your early retirement age in years and months)





Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)



Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)

- Program made available to eligible members on January 1, 2003
- Available to members who are eligible for normal (unreduced) benefits
- You may make only one DROP election during your lifetime
- DROP allows you to:
 - ✓ Choose a retirement date, and
 - Continue to work in your 1977 Fund position for the DROP period



DROP Participation

• DROP Participation

- Minimum 12 months but not more than 60 months
- Any number of whole months between 12 and 60 months
- Election period may begin on any day of the month
- HEA 1004 extended DROP program maximum from 36 to 60 months, with some additional requirements effective July 1, 2024

 When you enter the DROP, a DROP frozen benefit will be calculated based on the first-class officer salary and your total creditable service as of the date you enter the DROP.



DROP Payment Options

- Your DROP lump sum amount will be calculated based upon the number of full calendar months. This "accrued" amount may be paid out as a:
 - lump sum (less taxes);
 - rollover to an IRA (tax deferred); or
 - three annual installment payments (no interest earned while waiting for distribution)
- **Plus** DROP frozen benefit as a lifetime monthly payment



DROP Enrollment Process

✓ Request a DROP benefit estimate

 Complete "Application for Participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan" (form available online)

✓ Submit for INPRS review/approval prior to DROP entry date

 Send copy of DROP Enrollment Form to chief and/or hiring authority to provide them notice

✓ Notify your employer of the DROP election within 30 days



Tax Consequences

- Retirement benefits are generally taxable. Post-tax member contributions are recovered monthly according to IRS basis recovery rules. After you have recovered post-tax contributions, any basis your retirement benefit is generally 100% taxable.
- Tax withholding forms are completed during the online application process.
- If a Federal Tax Withholding form is not submitted, taxes are automatically withheld at a rate of single with 0 adjustments.



Retirement Benefit Process

12 – 60 months prior to retiring:

- ✓ Have you considered the DROP program?
- Prepare a benefit estimate using the online 1977 Fund calculator and request a service credit review through INPRS.
- Conduct a retirement needs calculation, review projected living expenses and estimated income.
- Verify that your personal information on file with the 1977 Fund is up to date.
- ✓ Gather information on other possible benefits, including Social Security.
- \checkmark Select a retirement date that meets your retirement goals.
- ✓ HEA 1004 effective July 1, 2024 modified the maximum DROP period from 36 to 60 months, subject to additional requirements.



3 months prior to retiring:

- Complete or review your Retirement Application by logging onto your account at <u>www.myinprsretirement.org</u>.
- Submit your completed application along with the required documentation to INPRS.



Application Submission Dates

Retirement Date January **February** March April May June July August September October November **December**

Submission Deadline October 1 November 1 December 1 January 1 **February 1** March 1 April 1 May 1 June 1 July 1 August 1 September 1



Working After Retirement

- You may return to work with your previous employer after you have ended employment under certain circumstances.
- If your new position is not covered by the 1977 Fund, you may continue to receive your benefit when you return to work.
- There is no minimum period of separation before you can be hired into a PERF-covered position with the same employer if you are age 55 or older.
- If you are younger than 55, you must separate from service for 30 days before returning to work, if you meet certain conditions.
- Additional information can be found in IC 36-8-8-11.5



Termination of Employment Options

If you terminate your employment other than by death or disability

- Less than 20 years of creditable service:
 - Withdraw or rollover your 6% contributions and accumulated interest
 - Leave your account with the 1977 Fund (interest will accrue for only five years)
- 20 or more years of creditable service:
 - Contributions will be held by the 1977 Fund until you become eligible for a benefit (full or reduced)





Disability Benefits



Disability Benefits

Two Plans

Pre-1990 Plan

Includes those members initially hired before January 1, 1990, unless they elected to be covered by the new disability plan adopted in 1990.

1990 Disability Plan

Includes those members initially hired after December 31, 1989 and those hired on or before that date who elected coverage under this plan.



Pre-1990 Disability Plan Benefits

To qualify for **Pre-1990 Disability Plan** Benefits:

- 1. Member must request a hearing, complete a disability application and obtain their medical records for presentation to local board.
- 2. Local pension board conducts a hearing to determine if the member has a covered impairment.
- 3. Local pension board provides INPRS with its Findings of Facts (FOF) and Conclusions of Law (COL), as well as its determination if there is suitable and available work for the member in their department.
- 4. INPRS' Medical Authority reviews medical documentation submitted by the local board and member.
- 5. INPRS reviews both local pension board's documentation and its Medical Authority's opinion to determine eligibility for disability benefits.
- 6. If eligible for disability benefits, the member will receive disability benefits equal to the member's full normal benefit at age 52 for the duration of his/her disability (however, the member may be subject to evaluation under IC 36-8-8-13.7)

* It is important to note that the Local Board must follow all timelines and rules for hearings in IC 36-8-812.7, 12.3, 12.5, 13.4 et al, as well as 35 IAC 2-5 et al.



1990 Disability Plan Benefits

To qualify for **1990 Disability Plan** Benefits:

- 1. Member must request a hearing, complete a disability application and obtain their medical records for presentation to local board.
- 2. Local pension board conducts a hearing to determine if the member has a covered impairment and class of impairment (and if applicable, if the covered impairment was caused by an accidental injury).
- 3. Local pension board provides INPRS with its Findings of Facts (FOF) and Conclusions of Law (COL), as well as its determination if there is suitable and available work for the member in their department.
- 4. INPRS' Medical Authority reviews medical documentation submitted by the local board and member.
- 5. INPRS reviews both local pension board's documentation and its Medical Authority's opinion to determine eligibility for disability benefits.
- 6. If eligible for disability benefits with a class 1 impairment, the member will receive disability benefits equal to the member's full normal benefit once the member reaches age 52 for the duration of his/her disability (however, the member may be subject to evaluation under IC 36-8-8-13.7). Class 2 based impairments in certain situations may receive the same treatment as class 1 based impairments described above. Class 3 impairment-based disabilities time period have different time requirements by statute.

* It is important to note that the Local Board must follow all timelines and rules for hearings in IC 36-8-812.7, 12.3, 12.5, 13.4 et al,

as well as 35 IAC 2-5 et al.



Excludable Medical Conditions Under Class 3 Disability

If you are hired with a pre-existing excludable medical condition

- you will not be eligible for a Class 3 disability benefit when the impairment relates in any manner to the excludable condition.
- you will not be eligible to receive any Class 3 disability benefits for a period of four years after the date of hire or rehire, unless the Class 3 impairment is attributed to an accidental injury, as determined by the local board.

*IC 36-8-8-12.3



1990 Disability Plan Benefits

| Type of Impairment | Benefit Period | Event | Benefit Formula |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Class 1 | Remainder of the disabled member's life. At age 52 may be entitled to a monthly supplemental benefit. | Personal Injury on duty or off duty and responding to offense or emergency Occupational disease Health condition caused by exposure risk disease | 45% FCO salary + Add'I amount for degree of impairment (10%-45%) = total benefit |
| Class 2 | Remainder of the disabled member's life. At age 52 may be entitled to a monthly supplemental benefit. | Duty related disease arising out of fund member's employment Health condition caused by exposure related: heart or lung disease, cancer, or Parkinson's disease. | 22% of FCO salary base + 0.5% for each year service, up to 30 years + Add'l amount for degree of impairment (10% - 45%) = total benefit |
| Class 3 (See Excludable Medical Conditions) | Period equaling total years of service or until age 52 | Covered impairment that is not class 1 or 2 | 1% FCO base salary x years of service (up to 30) + Add'l amount for degree of impairment (10% - 45%) |

IC 36-8-8-12.5, IC 36-8-8-13.5, IC 36-8-8-23, and other provisions of IC 36-8-8 apply to these determinations





Survivor Benefits



Survivor Benefits

| | Non- Line of Duty (Active Members) | Retirees | Line of Duty (Active Member) |
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| Lump Sum Benefit | \$12,000 to heirs or estate | \$12,000 to heirs or estate | \$225,000 to surviving spouse, children, or parents + \$12,000 to heirs or estate |
| Surviving Spouse | 70% of eligible benefit payable for life | 70% of member's benefit payable for life | 100% of eligible benefit payable for life |
| Each Surviving Child | 20% of eligible benefit payable to age 18 or 23 if full time student | 20% of member's benefit payable to age 18 or 23 if full time student | 20% of eligible benefit payable to age 18 or 23 if full time student |
| Wholly dependent Parent(s) if no surviving spouse or child | 50% of eligible benefit payable for life | 50% of member's benefit payable for life | 50% of eligible benefit payable for life |

See IC 36-8-8-16, IC 36-8-8-14.8, and IC 36-8-8-13.8



Survivor Benefits

Beneficiaries

- Eligible beneficiaries are set by law.
- If you are an active member and have no beneficiaries eligible for survivor benefits under the 1977 Fund law, you may designate a beneficiary for distribution of your contributions plus interest. If no eligible beneficiaries exist, your member account will be distributed to your estate.

Children with Disabilities

- Benefits are paid continuously to disabled children for the duration of their physical or mental disability (regardless of age).
- Proof of disability must be submitted to INPRS & will be reviewed by INPRS Medical Authority.





INPRS Websites



INPRS Public Website

www.in.gov/inprs

Police and Firefighters

- Forms
- Fast Facts
- Pension Relief Info

Membership Information

• 1977 Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement Fund Handbook

Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) Benefits

- DROP Benefits FAQs
- DROP Benefits Worksheet
- DROP Benefits Online Calculator

Provides Access to:

- 77 Fund Member Handbook
- Forms
- Benefit Calculators
- Event Calendar



INPRS Secure Website

www.myinprsretirement.org

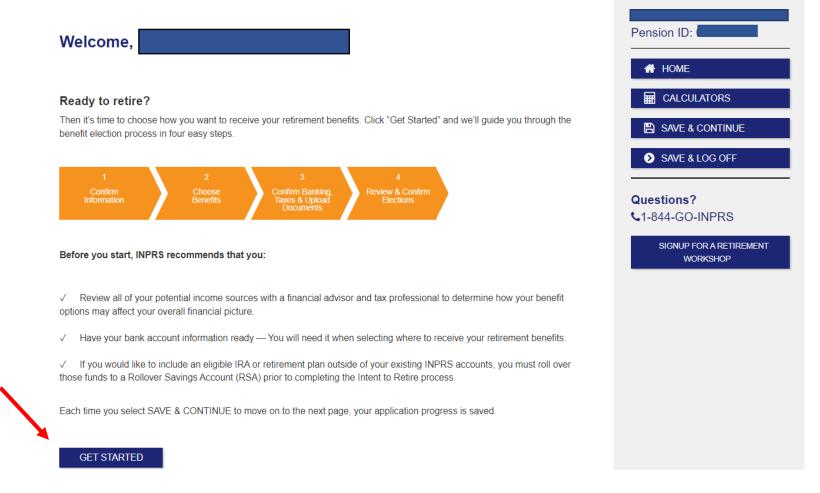
- Register your account to gain access to:
 - Secure Calculators;
 - Retirement Application;
 - Payment History; and
 - Tax Documents.
- Manage account information including:
 - Demographic information;
 - Banking Information; and
 - Tax Withholdings.



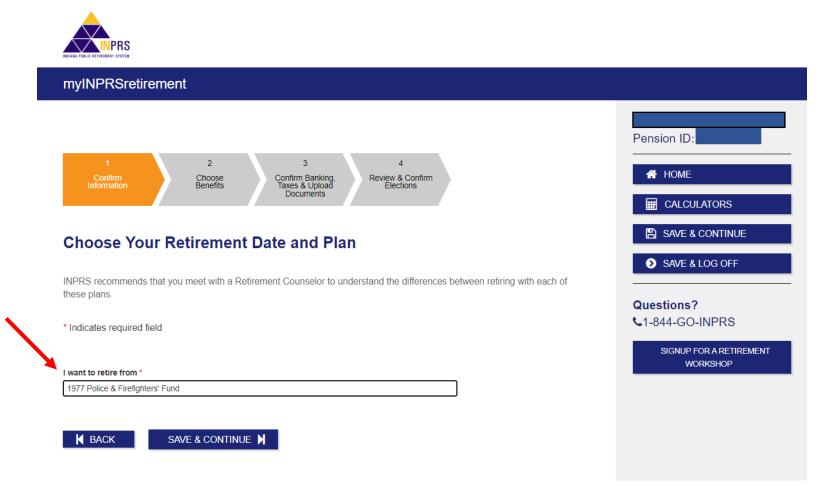


Retirement Application











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| Name | Social Security Number | Pension ID (PID) | |
| | | | |
| Date of Birth | Telephone Number | | |
| 01/01/1965 | | | |
| Address | | | |
| 123 Main Street Fishers, IN 46033 US | | | |
| Most Recent Employer | | | |
| Certified Salary | 79789.76 | | |
| Estimated Years of Service Credit | 26.01 | | |
| Purchased Service Credit | 00.00 | | |
| Marital Statue * | Married | | |
| Citizenship * | United States | | |
| Country of Legal Residence * | United States | | |
| Gender* | Male | | |
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| 1977 Fund: Your retirement date is the day following your termination of employment. | SIGNUP FOR A RETIREMENT |
| Judges: Your retirement date is the day following your termination of employment. If you terminated your employment more than a month ago, you may not select a retirement date that is more than thirty days prior to submitting your retirement application. | WORKSHOP |
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| I choose the following retirement eligibility type: * | |
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| Please do not change my elected retirement date | |
| If this box is not checked, INPRS will use the earliest retirement date for you based upon your last day worked, and you will be paid any retroactive benefit due. By checking this box, you want INPRS to use the retirement date you selected and not an earlier retirement date should one be available. Your selected retirement date may be due a retroactive benefit based on the date of your initial payment. Once an application is processed we cannot amend an effective retirement date. | |

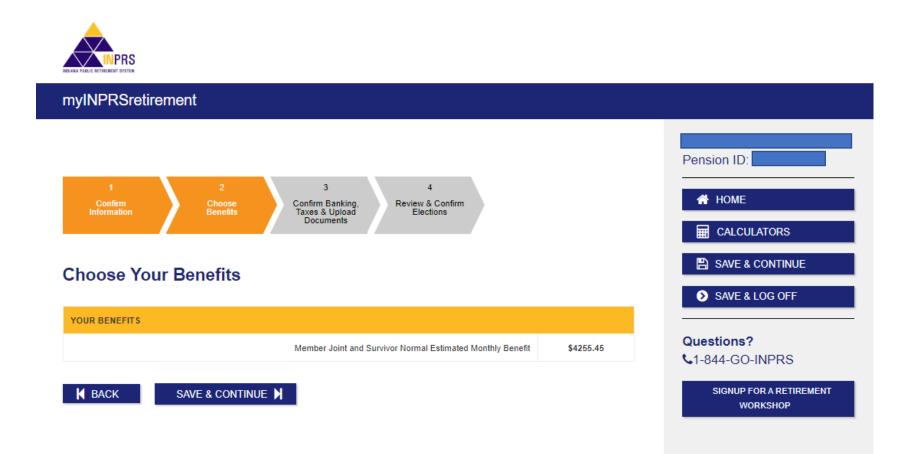


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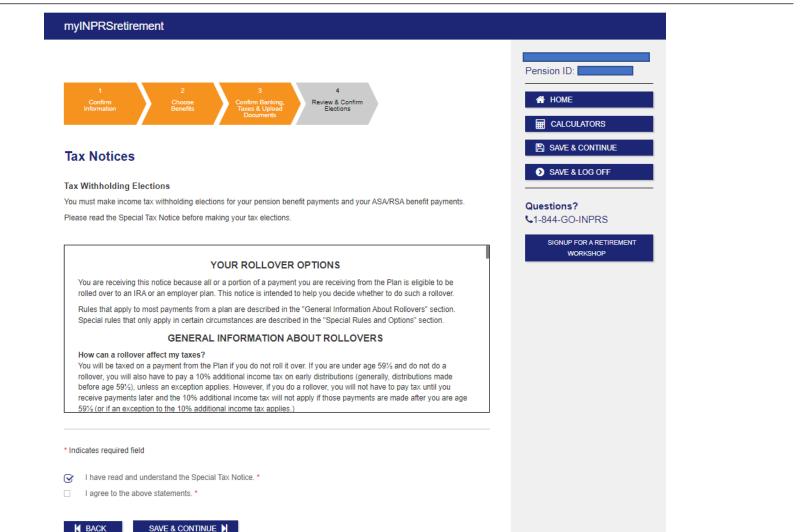
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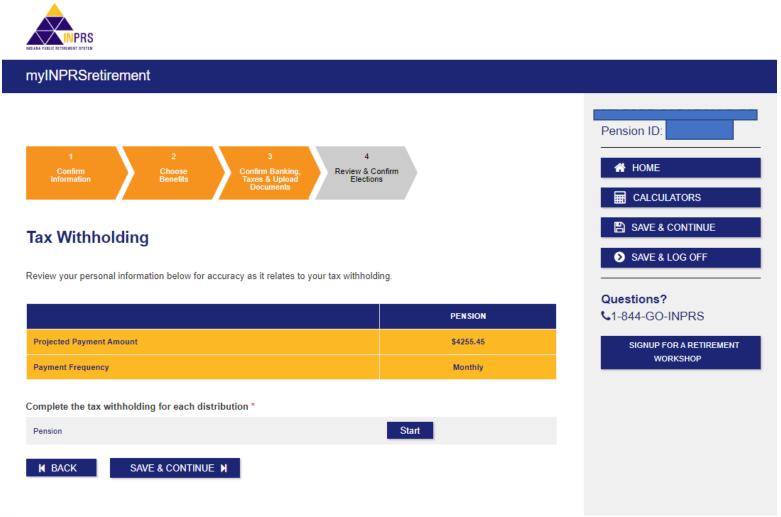




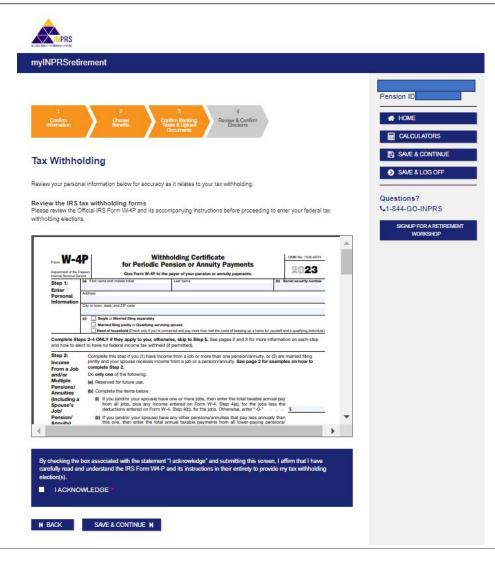














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| Payment Frequency | Monthly | WORKSHOP |
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| FEDERAL TAX WITHHOLDING FOR YOUR MONTHLY PENSION PAYMENT | | |
| Click here to view IRS Form W-4P | | |
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STATE AND COUNTY TAX WITHHOLDING FOR YOUR MONTHLY PENSION PAYMENT

Select your state of residence *

Indiana

Select your county of residence *

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State tax withholding

The total of state and county tax must be \$10 minimum. Click here to view the state and county tax rates.

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County tax withholding

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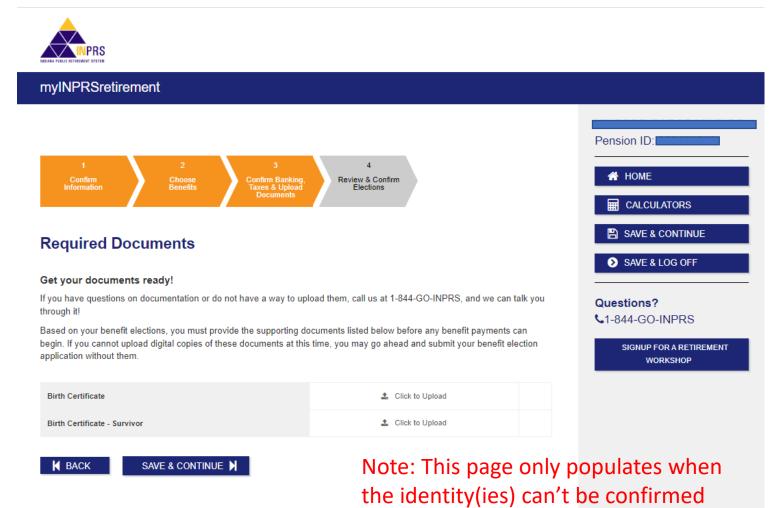
I authorize INPRS to make credit entries of my recurring pension benefit payments to the bank account designated above. This includes authorization to correct entries made in error. Each payment is in full payment, satisfaction, and discharge of the amount then due and payable to me. This authorization is not an assignment of my right to receive payment and revokes all prior payment direction notifications. I will comply with the bank's procedures providing safeguards against withdrawals of deposits after my death. INPRS will determine and pay any survivor benefits. INPRS is authorized to make necessary debit entries to this account for any credits made in error. This authorization will remain in effect until canceled by written notice from me.

- I want to have my benefit payments directly deposited into the bank account listed above. *
- I elect to not provide direct deposit information at this time and choose that a stored value card (SVC) be issued in my name and that my monthly payments be loaded to that card on a monthly basis. By selecting this option, I am also accepting the terms and conditions associated with the card, which are available <u>here</u>.²*

² Stored Value Card is a re-loadable payment card which will be issued to you for the purpose of receiving your monthly benefit. This card functions like cash and should be treated as such.

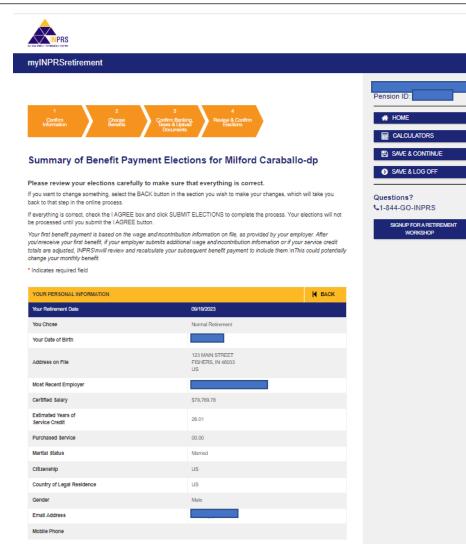






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| YOUR PENSION BENEFIT PAYMENT ELECTION | | И ВАСК |
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| You have elected to take the total amount of your 1977 Police & Firefigh \$4255.45. | ters' Fund pension benefit, paid directly as a monthly pay | ment of |
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| SURVIVOR DESIGNATION FOR 1977 POLICE & FIREFIGHTERS' FU | IND BENEFIT PAYMENT OPTIONS | H BACK |
| You have selected Amy L Caraballo as your survivor | | |
| Name | | |
| Address | 123 Main Street Fishers, IN 46033 US | |
| Social Security # | | |
| Date of Birth | | |
| Relationship | Spouse | |
| Gender | Female | |
| Telephone Number | | |
| Email Address | | |

| TAX WITHHOLDINGS | | Н ВАСК | |
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| Pension Tax Withholding Options | | | |
| You have elected to opt-out of automatic federal tax withholding for your | monthly pension payment. | | |
| State of Residence | Indiana | | |
| State Tax Withheld | \$0.00 | | |
| County of Residence | Greene | | |
| County Tax Withholding | \$0.00 | | |

| YOUR BANKING INFORMATION | | И ВАСК |
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| You have elected Direct Deposit | | |
| Financial Institution Name | JPMORGAN CHASE | |
| Financial Institution Address | 2ND FLOOR TAMPA, FL 33610 | |
| Type of Account | | |
| Routing Number | | |
| Account Number | | |
| Telephone Number | 800-677-7477 | |



| REQUIRED DOCUMENTS | | |
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| To complete you application, please upload the required documentation. | | |
| Proof of Birth | Missing | |
| Survivor Proof of Birth | Missing | |

By submitting this online application, I affirm that I have carefully read (or in the case of disability, I have had read to me) and understand the application for retirement. All information is complete and true, represents my choices, and no material fact has been concealed or omitted. I understand that unless a statutory exception exists, my designations, options, and alternatives are irrevocable after my application has been processed. I affirm that I do not have a formal or informal agreement to be reemployed as of the date of submission of this application. I have had ample time to consider my choices and to seek counsel prior to making my elections for a retirement benefit payable to me according to Indiana Code, section 5-10.2, 5-10.3 and 5.10.4.

IAGREE *

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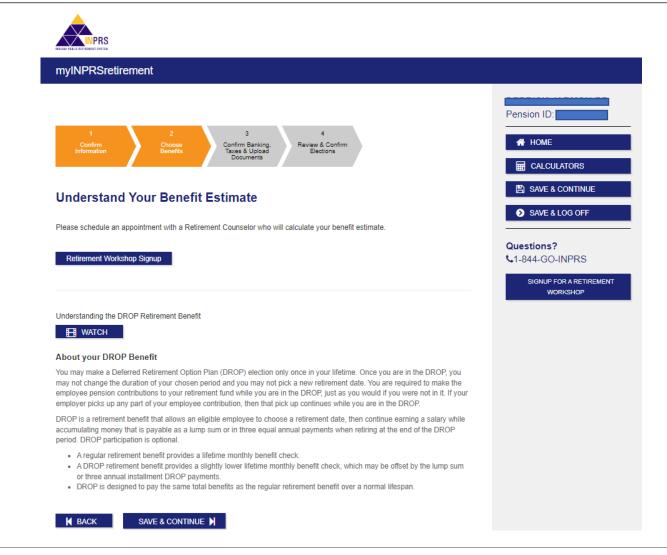
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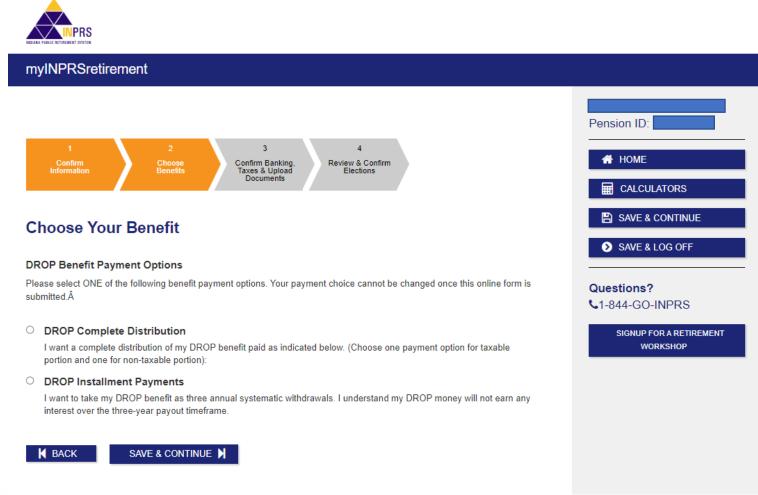
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| 1977 Fund: Your retirement dat | e is the day following yo | our termination of employment. | | SIGNUP FOR A RETIREMENT |
| 1977 FUND RETIREMENT ELIGIE | JUTY | | | |
| | Normal | 05/18/2023 | | |
| | DROP | 05/06/2023 | | |
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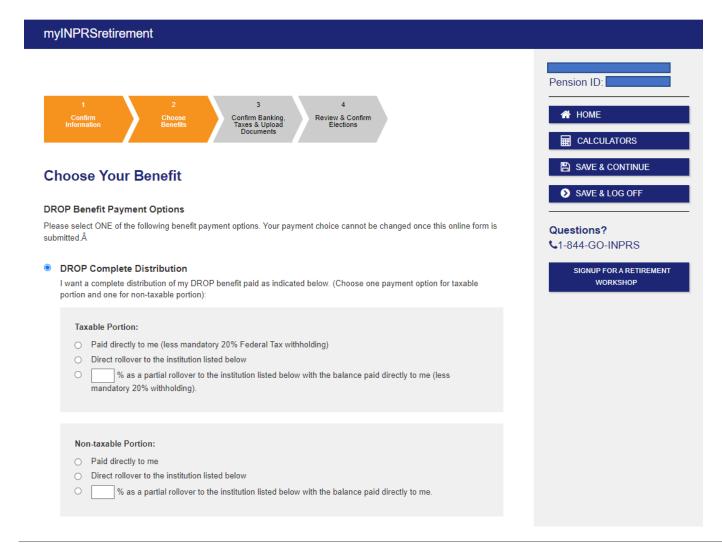














DROP Benefit Payment Options

Please select ONE of the following benefit payment options. Your payment choice cannot be changed once this online form is submitted.Â

DROP Complete Distribution

I want a complete distribution of my DROP benefit paid as indicated below. (Choose one payment option for taxable portion and one for non-taxable portion):

Taxable Portion:

- Paid directly to me (less mandatory 20% Federal Tax withholding)
- O Direct rollover to the institution listed below

% as a partial rollover to the institution listed below with the balance paid directly to me (less mandatory 20% withholding).

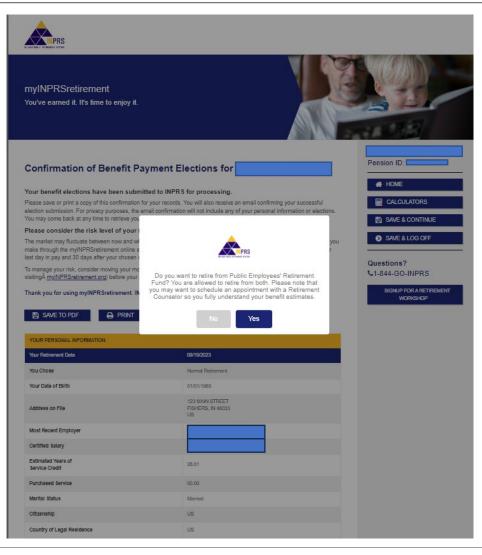
FOR DROP ROLLOVERS

List the IRA or Qualified Retirement Plan that will accept a direct rollover of your taxable DROP benefit. INPRS will generate a check payable to this institution and mail it to your home address. Contact your institution to confirm how the check should be made out.

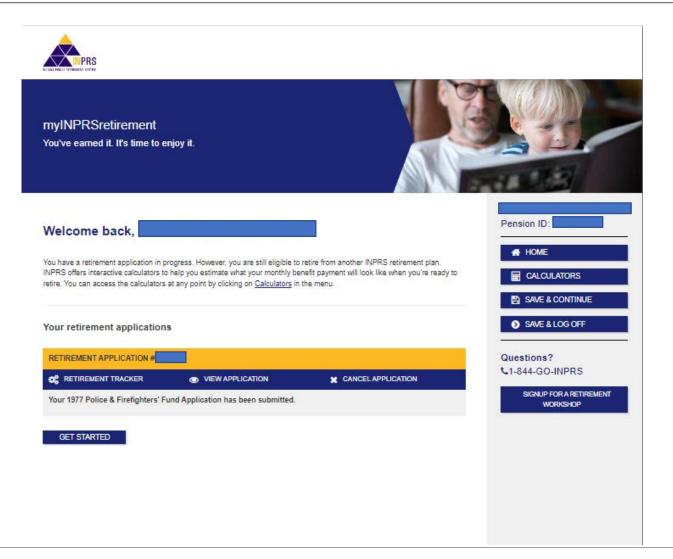
Non-taxable Portion:

- Paid directly to me
- Direct rollover to the institution listed below
 - % as a partial rollover to the institution listed below with the balance paid directly to me.











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1977 Fund Rate

- The current Employer rate is 19.1% through Dec. 31, 2024.
- The INPRS Board of Trustees voted on Oct. 27, 2023, to set the 2024 rate at 20.3% effective Jan. 1, 2025, through Dec. 31, 2025.



Baseline Process

- Complete the baseline application, and send with completed medical requirements, *at least 30 days* prior to intended date of hire.
- What happens once you send in the completed application?
 - INPRS reviews the application to ensure it is complete and no corrections are needed
 - If corrections are needed, we cannot send the application for review from the INPRS Medical Authority until all corrections are received and reviewed for correctness.
 - Complete applications are sent to the INPRS Medical Authority for review
 - Tuesday and Thursday are the days we have our currier pickups for items ready end of day Monday and Wednesday
- How many baseline applications and intent to hires do we process in a year?



Baseline Process

Once back from the INPRS Medical Authority

Baseline placed on HOLD

- INPRS Medical Authority has requested additional information or testing
- Reason for hold is emailed and mailed to unit; mailed only to applicant
- Remains on hold until INPRS received necessary information to fulfill INPRS Medical Authority request.
 - This will add time to processing timeframe.
- Baseline APPROVED
 - Unit is emailed approval information and advised ready for enrollment
- Baseline APPROVED with EXCLUDABLE(S)
 - Unit is emailed approval information
 - Unit and applicant mailed excludable information
 - Excludables can be appealed within 15 days of receipt of letter
- Baseline DENIED
 - Unit emailed notice of denial
 - Unit and applicant are mailed denial letter; can appeal within 15 days of receipt of letter



What is an excludable condition?

- IC 36-8-8-13.6: "Class 3 excludable condition" means a condition that is included on the list of excludable medical conditions established by the system board under subsection (b)."]
 - The list of Class 3 excludable conditions is found at 35 IAC 2-10-2.
- Applicant will not be entitled to Class III disability benefits during the first four years of employment unless such disability was a result of accidental injury. In addition, applicant will not be entitled to Class III disability benefits at any time during employment if the disability is a result of the excludable condition(s) listed.
- Review pages 16 & 17 of State Form 4928 (R19/5-23) for list excludable conditions established
- Note: There is an established list of conditions resulting in revocation of the candidate's conditional offer of employment unless the conditions can be eliminated / effectively reduced through reasonable accommodation to the extent required under the ADA.
- Each application is reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the INPRS Medical Authority for approval or denial into the 1977 Fund.



Baseline Process Reminders

- Per 35 IAC 2-1-3(a), the hire date for an applicant must be on or after the effective date of approval.
 - Must be approved before enrollment and reporting Certified Salary wages and contributions to INPRS.
- Per IC 36-8-8-7, a 1977 Fund Intent to Hire: State Form 53075 (R2/1-24) may replace the need for a baseline application if lateral transfer is less than **180 days** from termination at previous unit. A lateral transfer is when a 1977 Fund member transfers from one 1977 fund unit to another 1977 fund unit or is rehired by the same 1977 fund unit.





Common Baseline Corrections



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

State Form 4928 (R19 / 5-23) Approved by State Board of Accounts, 2023 1977 POLICE OFFICERS' AND FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION AND DISABILITY FUND One North Capitol Avenue, Suite 001 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2014 Telephone: (888) 876-2707 (toll free) Fax: (317) 974-1616 E-mail: eppa@inprs.in.gov Website: www.in.gov/inprs

Reset Form

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Type or print using black ink.
- 2. Complete all applicant information as requested.
- 3. Do not leave any answer blank, unless instructed to skip.
- 4. Do not use "N/A" to complete any answer; if "none" applies, write "none".
- Return the completed, signed, dated, and notarized application using the address on this form or fax.
- 6. Any incomplete portion of the application will result in a delay in processing.

* This agency is requesting disclosure of Social Security Numbers in accordance with Internal Revenue Code 3405; disclosure is mandatory, and this form cannot be processed without it.

Name of applicant

Department applying to

Check here if you have 1977 Fund service:



Page 5 Authorization for Release of Medical Information

- Notary Seal must be visible in the copy sent
- Notary Seal expiration date must match to what is written in the *Date commission* expires box

I am also aware that this authorization is subject to revocation at any time, except to the extent a person or institution has already legally acted in reliance on this authorization. If not previously revoked, this authorization will expire on the earlier of: the date I am extended an unconditional offer of employment to become a member of the department; or the date I am officially advised that I am ineligible for membership in the 1977 Fund.

I understand that this information is required to complete my application to become employed as a member of the department and that misrepresentation, falsification of information, or failure to assist and cooperate with the department or the administrators of the 1977 Fund in obtaining the requested information will be considered cause for disqualification from consideration.

Further, I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this form. I understand that omission of facts called for in this application form is also cause for disqualification from further consideration.

I have read the above, understand it, and certify that I will fully and truthfully answer all questions to the best of my knowledge.

Dated this day of , 20 .

| Signature of applicant | | Social Security Number of applicant * |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Subscribed and sworn to me this | day of | , 20 |
| Signature of notary public (No rubber stamp sign Printed name of notary public | atures.) | NOTARY SEAL |
| Date commission expires (mm/dd/yyyy) | County of residence | |



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Page 11 Comprehensive Medical History (continued)

| A. (3) PERSONAL AND SOCIAL HISTORY | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Have you ever smoked? Yes No If No, skip questions 2-3 and proceed to question 4. | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Do you smoke now? | 🗌 Ye | es 🔲 No 🚺 f Yes, complete columns 3A and 3D, f No, complete columns 3B, 3C, and 3D. | | | | | | |
| Complete the appropriate columns explaining your smoking and vaping | Subs | tance | | 3A. rrently smoking and frequency) | | B. g when stopped d frequency) | 3C. Year you stopped smoking | 3D. Total years you smoked |
| history. | Ciga | rettes | | | | | | |
| | Pi | ipe | | | | | | |
| | Cig | jars | | | | | | |
| | \/a | nina | | | | | | |
| 4. How much of the following do you usually drink each day? a. Cups of coffee b. Cups of tea c. Soft drinks | | | | | | | | |
| 5. Have you ever drunk alcoholic beverages? Yes No If No, skip questions 6-10 and proceed to question 11. | | | | | | | | |
| 6. Do you drink now? | Yes [| No 🗌 | If Yes, com | nplete columns 7A | and 7D No, co | omplete columns i | 7B, 7C, and 7D. | |
| Complete the appropriate columns explaining your dripting biotopy | Substance | | | 7A. rrently drinking | | B. g when stopped | 7C. Year you | 7D. Total years |
| drinking history. | Cabitano | | Quantity and frequency | Number of drinks per week | Quantity and frequency | Number of drinks per week | stopped drinking | you drank |
| | Liqu | uor | | | | | | |
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Page 13 Physical Examination (continued)

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION (continued)

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| This section is to be co | ompleted by the e | kamining phys | ician | DO NOT | ANSWER | ANY QUESTION WITH "N/A" |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| B. (2) TESTS (Each | of the following t | ests must be a | dministered | d to the ap | oplicant. T | est results should be recorded below or attached.) |
| Vital signs (Test results | should be record | ed below or at | tached.) | | | |
| Blood pressure | Pulse | Respira | tion | Heig | ht (inches) | Weight (pounds) |
| BMI % B | lody Fat by impeda | nce testing | | | | |
| le the vision test include | d in the medical do | cumentation? | Yes | No No | | |
| Visual testing using a S House actity uncorrected | inellen chart or othe Distant | r comparable c | hart) | Near | 1 | Color vision (ability to identify red, green, and yellow colors)? |
| corrected | right left | both / both | right | left / | both / both | Peripheral vision (at least 140° in the horizontal meridian of each eye without correction)? |
| | ng - A minimum of most reveal results | that are within | 5% of each | other. The | best Force |) maneuvers must be performed and recorded. The best ed Expiratory Volume in One Second (FEVI) are recorded d if desired or indicated |
| 6 | | | | | 10 | Other diagnostic imaging, if indicated. |
| 12-lead ECG (resting) to | est with interpretat | ion by a cardiol | ogist or othe | r qualified | physician. | Other diagnostic testing, if indicated. |
| Liver function - S Urinalysis - SG, I abnormalities ab HIV testing - if so Syphilis serology Urine drug scree be performed in a procedures. | count s - fasting glucose, GPT (ALT), SGOT blood, protein, gluc ove have resulted reening test positiv n - must test for at accord with the acc | (AST), GGT, Ll ose, ketones, bi e, confirm testir least marijuana, eptable standar | DH, alkaline lirubin and n ng with West cocaine, op ds within the | phosphota itrates req tern Blot a piates, amp e field of fo | ase, total p uired, micr nalysis HIV ohetamines rensic toxi | s, PCP, benzodiazepines, and barbiturates. Testing must cology and should adhere to all proper chain of custody |
| TBc skin test - ap | oplied and interpret | ed - not to be do | one if there i | s a past hi | story of po | sitive PPD or pulmonary TBc |



Page 17 Excludable Conditions (continued)

| degree or luture impairment. | | 5 | | a. Kneumatoid artnritis and myastnenia g | ravis. | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------|
| HEMATOLOGY / ONCOLOGY | | - | | b. Dermatomyositis. | | | |
| 55. Any disease of the blood forming organs or of the blood. | | | ÷. | c. Scleroderma. | | _ | |
| 56. Anemia with the hemoglobin lower than twelve (12) | | | | i. Lupus erythematosus. | 1 | | |
| grams per hundred cubic centimeters. | | | 76 | Obesity of such a degree so as to interfer | e with | | |
| 57. Polycythemia, leukemia, or any other progressive | 100 | | | normal activities, including respiration. | | - | |
| diseases of the blood system. | | - | 7 | Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (A | | 4 | 1.00 |
| Hemophilia or other bleeding disorders. | | | | human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) pos | itive, as | | |
| 59. Malignant melanoma or, if it had been removed, any | | | | determined by a blood test. | | | |
| evidence of metastatic disease. | for an | - | 78 | Sexually transmitted diseases should be co | | | |
| 60. Hodgkin's disease, lymphadenopathy, lymphomas, or | 130 | | | further examination by a qualified medical s | | | |
| lymphosarcomas. | | C | - | determine the likelihood and degree of futur | | - | - |
| 61. Any malignant tumor of any type unless completely | | | | Narcolepsy or hypersomnolence due to a | ny cause. | | |
| eradicated for at least ten (10) years. | | - | _ | . Organ transplant. | | | |
| MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM | | 0 | | . Greep aprica syndrome. | | 2 | |
| Any active disease of bones and joints, including active arthritis, osteomyelitis, or marked deformity of the spinal column, including, but not limited to, the following: | | | | . Anxiety disorder.* | | | |
| | | | - | Panic disorder.* | | | |
| | | | | Obsessive compulsive disorder.* | | | |
| a. History of laminectomy | | - E | | . Post-traumatic stress disorder.* | | | |
| b. Amputation or deformity of a joint or limb c. Joint reconstruction d. Ligamentous instability e. Joint replacement | | | | . Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder.* | | | |
| | | | | . Tourette syndrome.* | | 1 | |
| | | | | . Depressive disorder.* | | _ | |
| | | _ | | . Bipolar disorder.* | | | |
| 63. Herniation of an intervertebral disk. | | | | . Personality disorder.* | | | |
| Ankylosing rheumatoid spondylitis. | | | | . Substance abuse disorder.* | | | |
| 65. Muscular dystrophy. | | | | . Schizophrenia and other psychotic disord | ers.* | | |
| METABOLIC / ENDOCRINE SYSTEM | - | | | . Anorexia nervosa.* | | | |
| 66. Diabetes requiring insulin or oral hypoglycemics. An | | | 94 | Miscellaneous or other significant psychiatri | c disorder.* | | |
| individual with diabetes whose condition is effectively | | | 9 | . Any disqualitying condition and a 00 into 2 | 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | | |
| controlled by diet alone would not be considered to have | | _ | | been accommodated by the local appointin | ng authority. | 1 | _ |
| an excludable condition. An applicant with a history of | | | 96 | . Any other significant disease/disorder. | | | |
| hyperglycemia glucosuria or albuminuria must be considered to have an excludable condition unless a report from the physician that treated the applicant can be obtained which assures the absence of diabetes mellitus. | | | | Items 82 – 94 on this page must be comp psychiatrist/psychologist. | pleted by a license | ed | |
| Signature of licensed physician (No rubber stamp signature | s.) | | | Date (mm/dd/yyyy) | | | |
| *Signature of licensed psychiatrist/psychologist (No rubber | stamp s | signati | ires.) | Date (mm/dd/yyyy) | | | |
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| PHYSICIAN AND PSYCH | OLOGI | ST ID | n a | YING INFORMATION (Print or type.) | | | |
| Name of licensed physician | | | - | ame of licensed psychiatrist/psychologist | | | |
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Page 21 Certification by Local Board

- Board member and pension secretary are two different individuals.
- They both must complete all sections required for their signature including:
 - Signature
 - Printed name
 - Date
 - Phone number

CERTIFICATION BY LOCAL BOARD

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| The | | | Board ("Board") has determined that |
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| 0 | Name of local board | | |
| | | | |
| se. | | <u> </u> | |
| | Name of applicant | | |

been determined to be mentally suitable to be a member of the department after being tested using the baseline statewide mental examination (MMPI-III); (3) has successfully met all minimum criteria for the baseline physical examination; (4) has been determined to meet the physical requirements to be a member of the department by virtue of having passed said physical and mental standards; and (5) the examining physician must not have a pre-existing personal relationship with the applicant.

The Board certifies that the statewide mental examination prescribed by the INPRS board was appropriately administered and that the results of the examination were interpreted by a licensed psychiatrist or a licensed PhD psychologist. The Board has attached hereto copies and certification of the results of the physical agility examination required by law, and certification of the results of the baseline statewide mental examination. The Board further certifies that the applicant has satisfied any aptitude, physical agility, or physical and mental standards established by the appointing authority.

| Signature of board member (No rubber stamp signatures.) | Date (mm/dd/yyyy) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Printed name of board member | Telephone number (with area code) |
| Signature of pension secretary (No rubber stamp signatures.) | Date (mm/dd/yyyy) |
| Printed name of pension secretary | Telephone number (with area code) |



Page 23 Certification by Appointing Authority

CERTIFICATION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY

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| The appointing authority for the | Name of city / town de | | es that it has adopted standards |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| or physical agility tests and has ad | ministered the tests to | Name of applicant | , who successfully |
| passed the standards. These result | s have been certified to the loc | cal board. | |
| required by law, that the examinati standards and passed said examin performed upon the applicant prior time of the conditional offer of emp The appointing authority certifies th been made to enable the applicant reduce the direct threat that would | nation. The appointing authorit to a conditional offer of emploi loyment, the applicant complet nat, with respect to the statewist to successfully perform the e | ty further certifies that no med oyment. The appointing author eted the attached "Statement ride baseline standards, reaso essential functions of the job a | dical examination was brity further certifies that, at the of Understanding." bnable accommodations have and/or eliminate or effectively |
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Page 23 Certification by Appointing Authority

- Certification for veteran service is only needed if certifying the applicant has at least twenty (20) years of military service.
- Signature of appointing authority is expected to be a third individual that has not signed as the board member or pension secretary on page 22. They must also complete all sections required for their signature including
 - Signature
 - Printed name
 - Date
 - Phone number

| The appointing authority further certifies the | at | | has passed the locally |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | Name of applicant | | |
| prescribed standards and the test results for | r these standards have been certified by | the local board. | |
| The appointing authority for the | | | certifies that |
| | Name of city / town departme | ənt | Certifies triat |
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| | is a veteran who has completed a | t least twenty (20) | vears of military service |
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ERM Contact Cleanup

- Ensure your unit has Contact Types listed appropriately in ERM under the Manage Submission Unit Screen
- Baseline related emails are sent to the following Contact Types:
 - Authorized Agent/Clerk Treasurer
 - Chief
 - Pension Secretary
- Contact Types are used for mailing distribution lists from INPRS. Examples:
 - Certified Salary
 - Pension Relief
 - Rate Information



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1977 Police Officers' and Firefighters' Mentor Best Practice Discussion

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Mentor Panelist: Pat Scher – Huntington PD Adam Miller – Carmel PD Blake Lytle – Carmel PD Todd Wilson – Indianapolis FD Bill Parker - Bloomington PD

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Mentor Best Practice Discussion

- Overview of a Pension Board
 - ➢Pension board set up.
 - Effects of poor decisions as a pension board.
 - Roles and responsibilities of pension board.
- How to be an effective pension secretary?
- Pension Secretary Mentor Question Discussion



Pension Seminar Questions

- 1) How many of your departments have a pension board? Can you discuss some of the issues you face?
- 2) How many of you don't have a pension board, can you discuss your challenges of setting up one?
- 3) What are some of the rumors of local boards we need to dismiss?
- 4) Do you face issues with disability hearings, if so, what are they?
- 5) As a pension secretary, what help do you need to become more effective with your unit?
- 6) Do you have an annual pension board meeting?
- 7) How does your department vote for the pension board members to be elected? If so, what is your process?
- 8) Do your pension boards have a meeting process to approve the INPRS application?
- 9) How does your local board document your pension meetings?

