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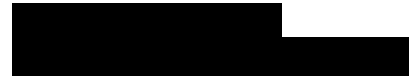
KIM GUADAGNO
Lt. Governor

August 15, 2017

Marci Hill Jordan, Esquire



RE: Brian Carree



Dear Ms. Hill Jordan:

At its meeting on August 14, 2017, the Board of Trustees of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) considered the following documents on behalf of your client, Brian Carree:

- a) All exhibits; and
- b) The Initial Decision of Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Susan M. Scarola dated July 18, 2017.

The Board voted to adopt the decision of the ALJ approving Mr. Carree's application for Accidental Disability retirement benefits effective February 1, 2016.

Once the Board approves a member for a disability retirement allowance, the retirement application shall not be withdrawn or canceled, or amended to a later retirement date than the date specified in the approved retirement allowance.

This matter is being referred to the Retirement Bureau to recalculate the difference between Ordinary and Accidental disability retirement benefits, retroactive to February 1, 2016. Please allow approximately four to six weeks for the processing of this benefit.

If a member continued to receive salary beyond the effective date of retirement, no retirement benefits shall be paid for the period where the member received salary and no salary or service credit shall be provided for the service rendered after the approved effective date of retirement. In addition, the member's employer shall be required to complete an updated Certification of Service and Final salary.

The statute permits the Board of Trustees to require a disability retiree to undergo annual medical examinations for the first five years to determine if the retiree continues to be totally and permanently disabled and therefore eligible for continued receipt of a disability retirement allowance.


Please note that if the member is receiving periodic Workers' Compensation payments after the effective date of their retirement, the member's retirement could be subject to a reduction. The member must advise the Division of Pensions and Benefits' Retirement Bureau if and when any periodic Workers' Compensation benefits are paid to the member.

The approval of retirement benefits is expressly conditioned upon the rendering of honorable service during public employment. If any criminal or administrative charges are found after the date of this notice, retirement benefits may be held in abeyance until the charges are fully adjudicated or the Board is satisfied pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:1-6.2.

Pension laws require re-enrollment of a retiree under certain conditions. Disability retirees needing guidance on returning to employment should visit our website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions and refer to the Certifying Officer Memorandum dated August 22, 2014. Retirees needing additional clarification should contact the Division to determine the impact of a return to employment would have on their disability retirement benefits.

The Board of Trustees of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System hereby adopts the findings of fact of the Administrative Law Judge's Initial Decision and incorporates the same herein by reference.

Sincerely,



Mary Ellen Rathbun, Acting Secretary
Board of Trustees
Police and Firemen's Retirement System

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