City of Portland, Oregon

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IMPORTANT NOTICE
CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

This notice is intended to provide you with important information regarding changes that will effect your service-connected and occupational disability claims.

Effective January 1, 2013 FPDR will begin to administer service-connected and occupational disability claims in accordance to the Charter Changes that were approved by the voters on November 6, 2012. Changes are addressed below:

FPDR eligibility:

- Effective January 1, 2013 new hires into the Police or Fire Bureau will not become members of FPDR until they have completed 6 consecutive months of employment as a permanently appointed sworn employee in the Bureau of Police or Fire.

- If a sworn employee is injured in the line of duty during the first 6-months of employment, the employee will be covered by Oregon Workers' Compensation which is administered by the City of Portland, Risk Management. The following link allows access to their website: http://www.portlandonline.com/omf/index.cfm?c=56945

Interim Disability Benefits:

- Members who file claims for service-connected or occupational disability benefits on or after January 1, 2013 are eligible to receive Interim Disability Benefits during the pended period of their claim (prior to compensability determination).

- A new Disability in Line of Duty (DILD) claim form (effective date January 2013) has been developed and the use of this new form will be mandatory.

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- The new DILD form contains language concerning recovery of overpaid Interim Disability Benefits from the Member in the event his/her claim is withdrawn or is denied and the denial becomes final. The Member signature section of the new DILD form states:

  > "I hereby affirm the above information is true and hereby apply for disability benefits. By signing and submitting this form, I authorize medical providers and other custodian of claim records to release relevant medical records, and **I agree to repay any interim disability benefit paid should the claim be withdrawn or denied and the denial is final."**

- An unsigned DILD or an outdated DILD will be considered an incomplete request for benefits. Unsigned forms will be returned to you for signature. Outdated forms will be returned to you with a January 2013 form for you to complete.

Injury Packets:

The injury (purple) packet has been updated effective January 1, 2013. The sticker on the front of the packet should have the date of January 2013.

All forms within the packet shall contain the date of January 2013. The Fire Bureau Liaison and Police Bureau Liaison will be provided the new packets and will distribute them to the appropriate locations within your Bureaus.

The new forms will also be available on FPDR's website, (www.portlandoregon.gov/fpdr).

Please take the time to make sure the forms you submit after January 1, 2013 contain the updated information.

Please let us know if you have questions regarding any of this information.

Sincerely,

Linda L. Jefferson, CPDM
Director