



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

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**RETIREMENT PLANNING SEMINAR
SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 29-30 FOR CITY EMPLOYEES**

Fort Lauderdale, FL – A Retirement Planning Seminar for Fort Lauderdale’s police officers, firefighters and general employees is scheduled for October 29-30. The seminar will be held in the Commission Chambers on the first floor at City Hall.

The purpose of the seminar is to educate city employees and their spouses about the many decisions they will have to make regarding retirement from the city. Attendees will be given the opportunity to ask questions and hear information about city benefits as well as general retirement issues. The seminar will cover such topics as Social Security, health benefits, city pension benefits, taxes, retirement investment strategies, estate planning and final pay check.

The seminar is being jointly sponsored by the Fort Lauderdale Police and Firefighters’ Retirement System and the General Employees Retirement System.

Thursday, October 29, 2009

12:30

Welcome

Michael Dew, Chair, Police and Fire Retirement System
John Leroy Bucci, Chair, General Employees Retirement System

12:45 – 1:30

Social Security Benefits

Fred Nesbitt, Consultant, Florida Public Pension Trustee Association

1:30 – 2:00

Tax Consequences of Retiring

Donald Butler, Marcum Rachlin

- 2:00** **BREAK** - Refreshments
- 2:15 – 3:15** **Deferred Compensation**
 Al Pinzon, Nationwide
 Knickeita Vasell-Bullock, ICMA
- 3:15 – 4:00** **Investment Strategies**
 Mark Burnam, Vice President, UBS Financial Services, Inc.

Friday, October 30, 2009

- 9:00 – 9:30** **Final Paycheck**
 Carolyn Bean, Personnel Specialist
- 9:30 – 10:15** **City Group Insurance**
 Dennis Stone, Benefits Supervisor
 Barbara Stanley, FOP
- 10:15 – 10:45** **Estate Planning**
 Joseph Ducanis, Jr., Esq., Rogers Morris & Ziegler
- 10:45** **BREAK** - Refreshments
- 11:00 – 11:45** **Long Term Care**
 Kevin Burcum, G Financial Group
- 11:45 – 12:15** **Your City Pensions - Breakout Session**
 General and Police and Fire Administrators
 David Desmond & Lynn Wenguer

Fort Lauderdale currently has 487 police officers and 378 firefighters. These public safety officers provide services to nearly 200,000 citizens and over 10 million visitors annually; respond to over 260,000 emergency and non-emergency calls per year, and patrol 497 miles of city streets, 7 miles of beach frontage, and 25 miles of intracoastal waterways. They are the first responders to all emergencies in the city, including hurricanes. The Fort Lauderdale Police and Firefighters' Retirement System was established by City Ordinance and became effective January 3, 1973. As of 12-31-2008, the pension fund assets totaled \$379.2 million.