

IMPORTANT MEMO

FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

To: All Participating Employers
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Subject: Projected Employer Contribution Rates for 2018-2019

PROJECTED CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

In an attempt to provide advance notice, please be aware of the following employer contribution rates that are projected by the FRS actuary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018. **Caution:** These are only projections and will not become official unless or until the legislative committee known as PRSAC approves the rates early next year. We will send another notice once that committee has taken action.

Chart I. FY 2018-2019 Projected Contribution Rates

Earnable Compensation	Employer %	Employee %
> Poverty	26.50	10.00
≤ Poverty	28.50	8.00

Projections for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018

As explained in previous communications, it is the legislative committee known as PRSAC that sets the employer contribution rate, not the FRS board of trustees. However, in the 2017 legislative session, the legislature enacted a law that allows the FRS board to keep the rate at its current value or reduce it if the actuary produces a lower rate. Based on that new law, and based on information produced this year by the actuary, the FRS board has authority to lower the employer contribution rate by up to ¼%, but only after all necessary action is taken by PRSAC. This is based on information currently available and is subject to change. **Again, after the PRSAC committee has completed its action, we will send another notice letting you know whether there will be any decrease in the rate.**

If you have any questions about earnable compensation or remitting your contributions, please consult with your municipal attorney or fire protection district attorney, or alternatively refer to the memo from this office dated June 29, 2011 titled "Revised Contribution Information", or lastly please feel free to contact the FRS office at (225) 925-4060.