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February 3, 2014

MEMO TO ALL GROUP 4 MEMBERS

RE: Reserve Time

On June 21, 2013, the Contributory Retirement Appeals Board (CRAB) issued a decision on call firefighters which has an effect on the implementation of G.L.C. 32, § 4(2)(b) for current and future members. (section of MGL Ch 32 which pertains to reserve time for police officers and firefighters.)

Any person not retired as of June 21, 2013 and going forward and going forward, must remit payments for service granted (previously or in the future) pursuant to G.L.C. 32, § 4(2)(b).

- Any police officer or firefighter who was **compensated** for reserve/call service would pay the retirement contribution that would have been made on such pay received at the rate that it was in effect for the year(s) the service was provided with buyback interest.
- Any permanent firefighter/police officer that was **not compensated** but on the respective lists and/or roster making them eligible for such duty would be eligible to buyback time assuming an annual rate of salary of three thousand dollars.

Buyback interest will be applied and charged prospectively from June 21st, 2013.

This decision will affect all retirement boards in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We have been advised by our attorney that this decision may be challenged by any member of any retirement board. Subsequent decisions may be issued, effectively changing any of the following:

- The purchase cost or charging to purchase service pursuant to G.L.C. 32, § 4(2)(b).
- The right to purchase any time during which an individual was not compensated.

Attached is an application that **we are asking all members that have reserve/call time to submit.** Please fill out this form to the best of your knowledge/ability and return it to our office.

We will research and calculate the amount to purchase your time. This service must be paid in one lump sum. This will be outlined in the individualized letter that is sent to you. Please afford us some time to calculate since we anticipate a large volume of responses.

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Application to purchase service pursuant MGL.C. 32, § 4(2)(b)

Please note: Anyone who does not purchase this time will not be credited with reserve/call/intermittent service. At this time there is no mandated time frame to pay for your service, however, interest will continue to be charged from June 21, 2013 going forward.

Name _____

Address _____

Department _____

Type of service _____ (ie. reserve/call/intermittent)

Dates of service _____ (approximate if not known)

Were you compensated for your service? _____ (yes*/no)

* If you were compensated, please supply this office with W2's or contact your employer for wage statements and submit them with this application.

Signature

Date

I understand that I am signing this statement under the pains and penalties of perjury that this statement is true.

PLEASE RETURN TO :

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