

# COMPLIANCE AUDIT

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## Darby Township Police Pension Plan Delaware County, Pennsylvania For the Period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016

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We have conducted a compliance audit of the Darby Township Police Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016. We also evaluated compliance with some requirements subsequent to that period when possible. The audit was conducted pursuant to authority derived from Section 402(j) of Act 205 and in accordance with the standards applicable to performance audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform our audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

The objectives of the audit were:

1. To determine if municipal officials took appropriate corrective action to address the findings contained in our prior audit report; and
2. To determine if the pension plan was administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies.

Our audit was limited to the areas related to the objectives identified above. To determine if municipal officials took appropriate corrective action to address the findings contained in our prior audit report, we inquired of plan officials and evaluated supporting documentation provided by officials evidencing that the suggested corrective action has been appropriately taken. To determine whether the pension plan was administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies, our methodology included the following:

- We determined whether state aid was properly determined and deposited in accordance with Act 205 requirements by verifying the annual deposit date of state aid and determining whether deposits were made within 30 days of receipt for all years within the period under audit.

- We determined whether annual employer contributions were calculated and deposited in accordance with the plan's governing document and applicable laws and regulations by examining the municipality's calculation of the plan's annual financial requirements and minimum municipal obligation (MMO) and comparing these calculated amounts to amounts actually budgeted and deposited into the pension plan as evidenced by supporting documentation.
- We determined whether annual employee contributions were calculated, deducted, and deposited into the pension plan in accordance with the plan's governing document and applicable laws and regulations by testing total members' contributions on an annual basis using the rates obtained from the plan's governing document in effect for all years within the period under audit and examining documents evidencing the deposit of these employee contributions into the pension plan.
- We determined whether retirement benefits calculated for all 5 of the plan members who retired during the current audit period, and through the completion of our fieldwork procedures, represent payments to all (and only) those entitled to receive them and were properly determined and disbursed in accordance with the plan's governing document, applicable laws and regulations by recalculating the amount of the monthly pension benefit due to retired individuals and comparing these amounts to supporting documentation evidencing amounts determined and actually paid to recipients.
- We determined whether the January 1, 2013, January 1, 2015 and January 1, 2017 actuarial valuation reports were prepared and submitted to the former Public Employee Retirement Commission (PERC) by March 31, 2014, 2016 and 2018, respectively, in accordance with Act 205 and whether selected information provided on these reports is accurate, complete, and in accordance with plan provisions to ensure compliance for participation in the state aid program by comparing selected information to supporting source documentation.
- We determined whether provisions of the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) were in accordance with the provisions of Act 205 by examining provisions stated in the plan's governing documents.

Township officials are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that the Darby Township Police Pension Plan is administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies. In conducting our audit, we obtained an understanding of the township's internal controls as they relate to the township's compliance with those requirements and that we considered to be significant within the context of our audit objectives, and assessed whether those significant controls were properly designed and implemented. Additionally and as previously described, we tested transactions, assessed official actions, performed analytical procedures, and interviewed selected officials to provide reasonable assurance of detecting instances of noncompliance with legal and regulatory requirements or noncompliance with provisions of contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies that are significant within the context of the audit objectives.

The results of our procedures indicated that, in all significant respects, the Darby Township Police Pension Plan was administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies, except as noted in the following findings further discussed later in this report:

- Finding No. 1 – Plan’s Collective Bargaining Agreement Contains An Unauthorized Nonservice-Related Disability Benefit Provision
  
- Finding No. 2 – Pension Benefit Not Authorized By Act 600 And Inconsistent With Recent Changes To Plan’s Governing Document And Collective Bargaining Agreement


As previously noted, one of the objectives of our audit of the Darby Township Police Pension Plan was to determine compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies. Act 205 was amended on September 18, 2009, through the adoption of Act 44 of 2009. Among several provisions relating to municipal pension plans, the act provides for the implementation of a distress recovery program. Three levels of distress have been established:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Indication</u>	<u>Funding Criteria</u>
I	Minimal distress	70-89%
II	Moderate distress	50-69%
III	Severe distress	Less than 50%

The accompanying supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis. We did not audit the information or conclude on it and, accordingly, express no form of assurance on it. However, we are extremely concerned about the funded status of the plan contained in the schedule of funding progress included in this report which indicates **the plan’s funded ratio is 61.1% as of January 1, 2017, which is the most recent data available. Based on this information, the township is currently in Level II moderate distress status.** We encourage township officials to monitor the funding of the police pension plan to ensure its long-term financial stability.

The contents of this report were discussed with officials of Darby Township and, where appropriate, their responses have been included in the report. We would like to thank township officials for the cooperation extended to us during the conduct of the audit.

March 20, 2018

  
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## BACKGROUND

On December 18, 1984, the Pennsylvania Legislature adopted the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (P.L. 1005, No. 205, as amended, 53 P.S. § 895.101 et seq.). The Act established mandatory actuarial reporting and funding requirements and a uniform basis for the distribution of state aid to Pennsylvania's public pension plans. Section 402(j) of Act 205 specifically requires the Auditor General, as deemed necessary, to make an audit of every municipality which receives general municipal pension system state aid and of every municipal pension plan and fund in which general municipal pension system state aid is deposited.

Annual state aid allocations are provided from a 2 percent foreign (out-of-state) casualty insurance premium tax, a portion of the foreign (out-of-state) fire insurance tax designated for paid firefighters and any investment income earned on the collection of these taxes. Generally, municipal pension plans established prior to December 18, 1984, are eligible for state aid. For municipal pension plans established after that date, the sponsoring municipality must fund the plan for three plan years before it becomes eligible for state aid. In accordance with Act 205, a municipality's annual state aid allocation cannot exceed its actual pension costs.

In addition to Act 205, the Darby Township Police Pension Plan is also governed by implementing regulations adopted by the former Public Employee Retirement Commission published at Title 16, Part IV of the Pennsylvania Code and applicable provisions of various other state statutes including, but not limited to, the following:

Act 600 - Police Pension Fund Act, Act of May 29, 1956 (P.L. 1804, No. 600), as amended, 53 P.S. § 767 et seq.

The Darby Township Police Pension Plan is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan locally controlled by the provisions of Ordinance No. 721, adopted pursuant to Act 600. The plan is also affected by the provisions of collective bargaining agreements (CBA) between the township and its police officers. The plan was established January 1, 1958. Active members are required to contribute 4 percent of compensation to the plan. As of December 31, 2016, the plan had 14 active members, 1 terminated member eligible for vested benefits in the future, and 17 retirees receiving pension benefits from the plan.

## **BACKGROUND – (Continued)**

As of December 31, 2016, selected plan benefit provisions are as follows:

### Eligibility Requirements:

Normal Retirement	Hired before January 1, 2015 – Age 50 and 25 years of service, or age 60 and 20 years of service. Hired on or after January 1, 2015 – Age 50 and 25 years of service.
Early Retirement	20 years of service
Vesting	Member is 100% vested after 12 years of service

### Retirement Benefit:

Benefit equals 50% of final 36 months average salary, plus a service increment of \$100 per month for each year of service in excess of 25 years, up to a maximum of \$500 per month. Any officer who completed a 31<sup>st</sup> year of service prior to January 1, 2015 shall be entitled to a maximum of \$600 per month.

### Survivor Benefit:

Before Retirement Eligibility	Refund of member contributions plus interest.
After Retirement Eligibility	A monthly benefit equal to 50% of the pension the member was receiving or was entitled to receive on the day of the member's death.

### Service Related Disability Benefit:

Benefit equals 75% of the member's salary at the time the disability was incurred, offset by Social Security disability benefits received for the same injury.

DARBY TOWNSHIP POLICE PENSION PLAN  
STATUS OF PRIOR FINDING

Status Of Prior Finding

· Pension Benefits Inconsistent And Not Authorized By Act 600

As disclosed in the two prior audit reports, pension benefits in excess of Act 600 provisions were being provided to 4 officers who retired during those prior audit periods. Pension benefits in excess of Act 600 provisions were granted to 3 additional officers who retired during the current audit period. Severance payments and/or lump sum payments for leave that was not earned during the pension computation period were included in the determination of the final average monthly compensation used to recalculate their monthly pension benefits. To the extent that the township is not in compliance with Act 600 and/or is contractually obligated to pay benefits to existing or future retirees in excess of those authorized by Act 600, the excess benefits must be reflected in the Act 205 actuarial valuation reports for the plan and funded in accordance with Act 205 funding standards. Furthermore, such benefits will be deemed ineligible for funding with state pension aid. Since the township received state aid based on unit value during the current audit period, it did not receive state aid attributable to the excess benefits provided. The Department will continue to monitor the impact of the excess benefits being paid to current and future retirees on the townships' state aid allocations during future audits of the plan, which may require the township to reimburse any excess state aid received attributable to the excess pension benefits to the Commonwealth.

There were additional issues related to pension benefits noted during performance of our current audit procedures not previously disclosed as referenced in Finding Nos. 1 and 2 contained in this report.



DARBY TOWNSHIP POLICE PENSION PLAN  
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**Finding No. 1 – Plan’s Collective Bargaining Agreement Contains An Unauthorized Nonservice-Related Disability Benefit Provision**

Condition: The pension plan’s collective bargaining agreement (CBA) covering the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2019 contains a provision for the payment of a nonservice-related disability benefit that is not authorized by Act 600 or the plan governing document, as follows:

If said disability is non-service connected, and he has less than ten (10) years of service, he shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year of service per month, and if he has ten (10) years or more of service, he shall receive seventy percent (70%) of his average salary for the last sixty (60) months of employment. This shall continue until his death.

During the current audit period, an officer who worked past his superannuation retirement date based on his obtained age and years of service and was eligible for a normal monthly retirement benefit, subsequently retired December 31, 2016 and was granted a non-service related disability monthly pension benefit which also included a lump sum severance payment which is also contrary to Act 600 and is not prescribed by the plan’s governing document.

Criteria: Regarding disability benefits, Section 5(e)(1) of Act 600 states:

In the case of the payment of pensions for permanent injuries incurred in service, the amount and commencement of the payments shall be fixed by regulations of the governing body of the borough, town, township or regional police department and shall be calculated at a rate no less than fifty per centum of the member’s salary at the time the disability was incurred, provided that any member who receives benefits for the same injuries under the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. § 301 et. seq.) shall have his disability benefits offset or reduced by the amount of such benefits.

Furthermore, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in *Chirico v. Board of Supervisors for Newtown Township*, 518 Pa. 572, 544A.2d 1313 (1988) held that Act 600 does not provide for the payment of pension benefits for non-service related injuries.

Additionally, although Act 600 does not define “salary,” the department has concluded, based on a line of court opinions, that the term does not encompass severance payments or lump-sum payments for leave that was not earned during the pension computation period.

Cause: Plan officials were not aware that Act 600 does not authorize nonservice-related disability benefits.

DARBY TOWNSHIP POLICE PENSION PLAN  
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**Finding No. 1 – (Continued)**

Effect: The plan is paying pension benefits to a retiree in excess of those authorized by Act 600. As of the date of this report, the retiree is receiving benefits of \$7,863 per month (calculated with the inclusion of a severance payment and also includes a monthly service increment of \$600 per month). However, since this retiree reached superannuation, his normal monthly pension benefit allowable in accordance with Act 600, without the inclusion of the severance payment in the monthly pension benefit determination and including the authorized monthly service increment (Act 600 allows \$500 per month) would amount to \$5,800 per month. The retiree is receiving excess benefits of \$2,063 per month, which totaled approximately \$30,942 from retirement until the date of this report.

Providing unauthorized pension benefits increases the plan's pension costs and reduces the amount of funds available for investment purposes or for the payment of authorized benefits or administrative expenses. Since the township received state aid based on unit value during the current audit period, it did not receive allocations attributable to the excess pension benefits provided. However, the increased costs to the pension plan as a result of the excess pension benefits could result in the receipt of excess state aid in the future and increase the municipal contributions necessary to fund the plan in accordance with Act 205 funding standards.

Recommendation: We recommend that the township comply with Act 600 upon the renewal, extension, or renegotiation of the collective bargaining agreement. To the extent that the township is not in compliance with Act 600 and/or is contractually obligated to pay nonservice-related disability benefits to current retirees, the benefits must be reflected in the Act 205 actuarial valuation reports for the plan and funded in accordance with Act 205 funding standards. Furthermore, such benefits will be deemed ineligible for funding with state pension aid. In such case, municipal officials should consult with the plan's actuary to determine if Supplemental Actuarial Information Form AG-MP-1 should be prepared. If it is determined the unauthorized benefits had an impact on the township's state aid allocations received during and subsequent to the audit period, the form should be submitted to the Department. Furthermore, after the submission of the form, the plan's actuary should contact the Department to verify the overpayment of state aid received and plan officials should then reimburse the overpayment to the Commonwealth.

Management's Response: Municipal officials agreed with the finding without exception.

Auditor's Conclusion: Compliance will be evaluated during our next audit of the plan.

DARBY TOWNSHIP POLICE PENSION PLAN  
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**Finding No. 2 – Pension Benefit Not Authorized By Act 600 And Inconsistent With Recent Changes To Plan’s Governing Document And Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Condition: As disclosed in the prior audit report, the township amended the plan’s governing document to exclude severance payments and lump sum payments for leave that was not earned during the pension computation period from the calculation of pension benefits for officers hired on or after January 1, 2015. In addition, the collective bargaining agreement covering the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2019 was also revised to exclude these amounts from benefit calculations for officers hired on or after January 1, 2015. However, the township failed to amend the plan’s governing document to exclude severance payments and lump-sum payments for accumulated unused leave not earned during the computation period from the calculation of pension benefits for officers who retire from a service-connected disability. Section 4.04 of Article IV of the plan’s governing document, Ordinance No. 721, states in part:

Disability Benefit. If a MEMBER retires because of a TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY, he shall be entitled to receive a pension benefit equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of his SALARY at the time the disability was incurred, offset by any social security disability benefit received by the MEMBER for the same injury.

Section 1.15 of Article I of Ordinance No. 721 defines salary as follows:

“Salary” shall be based on W-2 earnings in which all forms of earnings are derived from the terms and conditions of the employee’s employment.

In addition, Section 4(i) of the CBA covering the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019, states, in part:

Disability: If an officer is totally and permanently disabled from performing police work for the Township of Darby as a result of a service-connected disability, he shall receive seventy-five percent (75%) of his wages (which shall include all monies received in the twelve (12) month period preceding retirement), offset by social security disability received by the officer for the same injury or illness that results in the service-connected disability....

Subsequent to the current audit period, plan officials included a severance payment in the calculation of the monthly pension benefit for a police officer who was hired on July 17, 2015 and subsequently retired during 2017 as a result of a service-connected disability.

DARBY TOWNSHIP POLICE PENSION PLAN  
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**Finding No. 2 – (Continued)**

Criteria: Section 5(e)(1) of Act 600 states:

In the case of the payment of pensions for permanent injuries incurred in service, the amount and commencement of the payments shall be fixed by regulations of the governing body of the borough, town, township or regional police department and shall be calculated at a rate no less than fifty per centum of the member's salary at the time the disability was incurred, provided that any member who receives benefits for the same injuries under the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. § 301 et. seq.) shall have his disability benefits offset or reduced by the amount of such benefits.

Although Act 600 does not define "salary," the department has concluded, based on a line of court opinions, that the term does not encompass severance payments or lump-sum payments for leave that was not earned during the pension computation period.

Furthermore, the township recently revised Section 1.03 of the pension plan's governing document, Ordinance No. 721, to state, in part:

For officers hired on or after January 1, 2015, the severance payment and any other lump-sum payment made at the time of separation to "buy back" unused paid time off shall not be included in the Average Applicable Compensation for pension computation.

Moreover, the collective bargaining agreement for the years 2015 through 2019 was also revised and states:

As to officers hired on or after January 1, 2015, the severance payment and any other lump-sum payment made at the time of separation to "buy back" unused paid time off shall not be included in the salary for pension computation.

Cause: As noted in the prior audit report, the township amended the plan's governing document to exclude severance payments and lump-sum payments for accumulated unused leave from the calculation of pension benefits for officers hired on or after January 1, 2015, and the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between the police officers and the township for the period 2015 through 2019 also provides for this revision. However, plan officials failed to exclude severance payments and lump-sum payments for accumulated unused leave from the calculation of pension benefits for service-related disability pension benefits which seems inconsistent given these recent changes.

DARBY TOWNSHIP POLICE PENSION PLAN  
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**Finding No. 2 – (Continued)**

Effect: The plan is paying pension benefits to a retiree in excess of those authorized by Act 600. As of the date of this report, the retiree is receiving total excess benefits of \$1,313 per month, which totaled approximately \$10,504 from retirement until the date of this report.

Providing unauthorized pension benefits increases the plan's pension costs and reduces the amount of funds available for investment purposes or for the payment of authorized benefits or administrative expenses. Since the township received state aid based on unit value during the current audit period, it did not receive allocations attributable to the excess pension benefits provided. However, the increased costs to the pension plan as a result of the excess pension benefits could result in the receipt of excess state aid in the future and increase the municipal contributions necessary to fund the plan in accordance with Act 205 funding standards.

Recommendation: We recommend that the township comply with Act 600 upon the renewal, extension, or renegotiation of the collective bargaining agreement. To the extent that the township is not in compliance with Act 600 and/or is contractually obligated to pay excess benefits to current retirees, the benefits must be reflected in the Act 205 actuarial valuation reports for the plan and funded in accordance with Act 205 funding standards. Furthermore, such benefits will be deemed ineligible for funding with state pension aid. In such case, municipal officials should consult with the plan's actuary to determine if Supplemental Actuarial Information Form AG-MP-1 should be prepared. If it is determined the unauthorized benefits had an impact on the township's state aid allocations received during and subsequent to the audit period, the form should be submitted to the Department. Furthermore, after the submission of the form, the plan's actuary should contact the Department to verify the overpayment of state aid received and plan officials should then reimburse the overpayment to the Commonwealth.

Management's Response: Municipal officials agreed with the finding without exception.

Auditor's Conclusion: Compliance will be evaluated during our next audit of the plan.

DARBY TOWNSHIP POLICE PENSION PLAN  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
(UNAUDITED)

The supplementary information contained on Pages 9 and 10 reflects the implementation of GASB Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*. The objective of this statement is to improve financial reporting by state and local governmental pension plans.

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET PENSION  
LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014, 2015, AND 2016

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Total Pension Liability			
Service cost	\$ 166,552	\$ 134,869	\$ 141,612
Interest	664,132	728,909	752,801
Change of benefit terms	-	(6,328)	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	256,794	-
Changes of assumptions	-	195,451	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(370,562)	(499,846)	(643,886)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	<u>460,122</u>	<u>809,849</u>	<u>250,527</u>
Total Pension Liability – Beginning	8,320,375	8,780,497	9,590,346
Total Pension Liability - Ending (a)	<u><u>\$ 8,780,497</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,590,346</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,840,873</u></u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position			
Contributions – employer	\$ 560,305	\$ 547,535	\$ 538,808
Contributions - state aid	124,639	129,126	112,678
Contribution – member	65,175	54,282	59,112
Net investment income	382,001	(62,301)	447,379
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(370,562)	(499,846)	(643,886)
Administrative expense	(4,200)	(9,800)	(5,500)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	<u>757,358</u>	<u>158,996</u>	<u>508,591</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	5,400,483	6,157,841	6,316,837
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	<u><u>\$ 6,157,841</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,316,837</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,825,428</u></u>
Net Pension Liability - Ending (a-b)	<u><u>\$ 2,622,656</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,273,509</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,015,445</u></u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	70.1%	65.9%	69.4%
Estimated Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 1,239,872	\$ 1,313,950	\$ 1,289,678
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	211.5%	249.1%	233.8%

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 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
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Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability of the township as of December 31, 2014, 2015 and 2016, calculated using the discount rate of 8.0%, as well as what the township's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage-point lower or 1 percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (7.0%)	Current Discount Rate (8.0%)	1% Increase (9.0%)
Net Pension Liability - 12/31/14	\$ 3,516,622	\$ 2,622,656	\$ 1,861,439
Net Pension Liability - 12/31/15	\$ 4,260,021	\$ 3,273,509	\$ 2,434,913
Net Pension Liability - 12/31/16	\$ 4,012,975	\$ 3,015,445	\$ 2,166,461

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS

Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return, Net of Investment Expense:

2016	7.30%
2015	(1.05%)
2014	6.96%

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 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
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SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

Historical trend information about the plan is presented herewith as supplementary information. It is intended to help users assess the plan’s funding status on a going-concern basis, assess progress made in accumulating assets to pay benefits when due, and make comparisons with other state and local government retirement systems.

The actuarial information is required by Act 205 biennially. The historical information, beginning as of January 1, 2013, is as follows:

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) - Entry Age (b)	Unfunded (Assets in Excess of) Actuarial Accrued Liability (b) - (a)	Funded Ratio (a)/(b)
01-01-13	\$ 4,619,913	\$ 7,864,492	\$ 3,244,579	58.7%
01-01-15	6,157,842	9,226,414	3,068,572	66.7%
01-01-17	6,825,428	11,179,760	4,354,332	61.1%



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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
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The comparability of trend information is affected by changes in actuarial assumptions, benefit provisions, actuarial funding methods, accounting policies, and other changes. Those changes usually affect trends in contribution requirements and in ratios that use the actuarial accrued liability as a factor.

Analysis of the dollar amount of the actuarial value of assets, actuarial accrued liability, and unfunded (assets in excess of) actuarial accrued liability in isolation can be misleading. Expressing the actuarial value of assets as a percentage of the actuarial accrued liability (Column 4) provides one indication of the plan's funding status on a going-concern basis. Analysis of this percentage, over time, indicates whether the system is becoming financially stronger or weaker. Generally, the greater this percentage, the stronger the plan.

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SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EMPLOYER  
AND OTHER CONTRIBUTING ENTITIES

Year Ended December 31	Annual Required Contribution	Percentage Contributed
2011	\$ 276,229	100.0%
2012	280,243	100.0%
2013	459,802	102.2%
2014	669,615	102.3%
2015	675,527	100.2%
2016	651,095	100.1%

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES  
(UNAUDITED)

The information presented in the supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuation at the date indicated. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation date follows:

Actuarial valuation date	January 1, 2017
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Amortization method	Level dollar
Remaining amortization period	11 years
Asset valuation method	Market value
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	8.0%
Projected salary increases	5.0%
Cost-of-living adjustments	3.0% per annum

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