

REDLINE REPORT

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From the Editor:

Welcome to Volume No. 4 of the Redline Report! If you want to be featured in future publications, please email Rose at rbiscoe@lafrs.org to submit your content.

UPDATE

Email Addresses

FRS would love to keep you up to date on everything going on with the system! We are beginning a campaign to obtain email addresses so that we can keep you informed in between newsletters. We have updated our Change Document to include a field for email addresses. Please update your contact information, especially your email address as noted below and then mail or email it back to FRS@lafrs.org

- For Actives see the Resources Tab on our website(www.lafrs.org) and choose the "Change Document" form under Forms for Active & Inactive Members
- For Retirees see the Resources Tab on our website(www.lafrs.org) and choose the "Retiree, Disability, Survivor Address/Email Change Form" under Forms for Retired, DROP, Survivor, & Disability Members

NEW ARRIVAL

MEMBER PORTAL

You can find access to the member portal at our website: www.lafrs.org

- Click on 'Member Login' on the upper right-hand corner of the screen
- Before entering a Username and Password, members **MUST** register using the 'Self Registration' link, located on the gray bar on the right-hand side of the screen.
- Please enter all information, and then click 'Locate Information'.
- In the event that your information is not found, please STOP and contact FRS to update your information. If it locates your information, please continue with the registration process.
- The 'Account Maintenance' prompt will then require the member to create a Username, Password, and Security questions.
- If accepted, the system will then send a confirmation code to the email that was provided.
- Members will then enter the code into the PTG system and can look at their information.
- If there any errors, or your profile cannot be located, please contact the Retirement Office at 225-925-4060 for assistance.

We want to remind members that this system is new for us too, so please be patient while we troubleshoot!



Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana

Welcome to the Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana Member Self Service website!

If you have forgotten your password, follow the instructions under the "Forgot Password" link on the menu above. If you have forgotten your username, please call the Retirement Office at (225) 925-4060 or FRS@lafrs.org for assistance.

User Registration

Username

Password

Remember Username

Login

Please log out when you are done. For your security, we also recommend that you close all of your browser windows after you log out.



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From the Chairman and the Board of Trustees

During the 2024 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, the Professional Firefighters Association of Louisiana drafted, introduced and passed a bill that would provide voluntary cancer screenings for firefighters. This bill was then signed by the governor and passed as Act 554. This new law makes the cancer screenings a benefit available to all firefighters with some stipulations.

- Members that are age **39 and under** shall be offered a cancer screening once every (5) years of employment
- Members that are age **40 through 49** shall be offered a screening once every (4) years of employment.
- Members that are **over the age of 50** shall be offered a screening once every (3) years of employment.

In addition, the law provides that Retirees be offered the opportunity for voluntary screening as well. If interested, the Retiree should contact their respective departments for information.



From the Director:

In the past few months, I have had the opportunity to participate in meetings across the state with the aim of improving communication and sharing information with members of the fire service. There has been a constant theme of trying to reach members, both active and retired.

If you know someone who is NOT receiving our newsletters, please ask them to contact our office so we can correct their mailing address. We received an overwhelming amount of returned mail due to incorrect addresses.

Investments Update:

Market Update

(For the Fiscal Year ending June 2025)

The preliminary FRS portfolio performance for the year ending June 30, 2025 is 11.3%. The results will be finalized in December following the completion of our annual audit and actuarial valuation reports. This was a strong year for both FRS' stock and bond portfolios, which earned approximately 16.1% and 6.1% respectively.

Retired Firefighter License Plates

It has come to our attention that Retired Firefighters are unaware of how to obtain their "Retired" status license plate. We're here to help! The steps to obtain the license plate form are:

- Contact the Retirement Office at (225) 925-4060.
- Please provide staff with your correct First and Last Name and Last (4) of your social to confirm your identity.
- Staff will also verify your current mailing address. If your current address is incorrect, we will also send a Change Document as well.
- Staff can either e-mail you the completed form, or we can mail it to the address that we have on file.
- Bring the form to the Office of Motor Vehicles.



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FRS would like to welcome our newest Retiree Trustee!

Robert Burkett is joining our Board of Trustees from Jefferson Parish as our newest Retiree Representative. Mr. Burkett retired from Jefferson Parish Fire Department as an Assistant Fire Chief after 33 years of service. Bob is also currently serving as President of the Jefferson Firefighters Association, a position he has held since 1981. He is recognized as the longest serving local union president in the International Association of Firefighters.

From the Accounting Department:

Please note that the November 1, 2025 benefit payment falls on a Saturday, which could affect receipt of your funds. Direct deposits are guaranteed to be in your bank or credit union on the first business day of the month. Be aware that if the first falls on a weekend or holiday, funds may not be available until the following business day. In these cases, contact your financial institution directly for information on when your funds will be made available to you. That decision is made by your financial institution, not FRS.

From the Benefits Department:

5 Year DROP

House Bill No. 19, ACT No. 344

- All Employer contributions shall be payable for any participating members in DROP beginning April 1, 2026. Includes all members currently enrolled in DROP (regardless of the time frame 3-year or 5-year DROP) and all future enrollees.
- Any member who has at least 28 years of service on April 1, 2026, is eligible to enroll in the 5-year DROP. The 3-year DROP eligibility did not change. 3-year DROP remains eligible at 20 years of service and 50 or 25 years of service no matter your age.
- Current participants of DROP with 28 years of service or more on April 1, 2026, have the option to extend from the 3-year DROP to the 5-year DROP. All eligible members will be contacted by FRS with documentation about extending their DROP. This documentation will be sent out at the end of the calendar year.

Annual Earnings Statement

House Bill No. 19, ACT No. 344

- Every disability retiree (regular disability retiree, vested disability retiree or converted disability retiree) of FRS who has attained age 62 years shall be exempt from remitting annual earnings statements. This will go into effect for the 2025 calendar year.



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