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Ann Arbor City Council  
Council Chambers  
301 E. Huron Street  
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RE: Distribution of Funds from the Police and Firemen's Relief Fund

Dear Councilmembers,

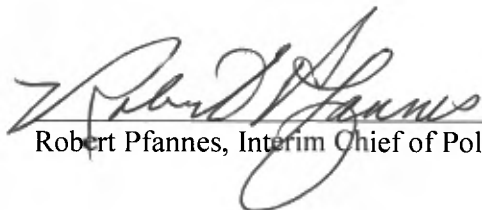
The City acts as a trustee for the Police and Firemen's Relief Fund ("Fund"), which was created in 1926 "to be used for relief of the widows and orphans of firemen and policemen." The ordinance that created the Fund provides that money may be withdrawn for such purposes upon the joint recommendation of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief, and approval by City Council." There is currently approximately \$763,379.05 in the Fund.

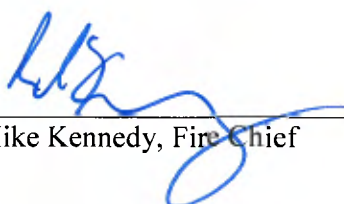
The City made the first distribution in recent memory from the fund (\$50,000) in approximately November of 2006 for the benefit of Firefighter Amy Schnearle-Pennywitt's family after she died in the line-of-duty on January 13, 2006. Since the City's distribution to firefighter Schnearle-Pennywitt's family, we have taken an active interest in ensuring that distributions from the Fund happen in a standardized fashion and for the benefit of the widows and orphans of active firemen and policemen who pass.

Since Firefighter Schnearle-Pennywitt passed, three police officers and one firefighter (a driver/operator) have passed. Specifically: (1) Police Officer Jason Zogaib died, while not in the line of duty, on March 13, 2009, leaving behind his wife Lila and a young son and daughter; (2) Police Officer Vada Murray died, while not in the line of duty, on April 6, 2011, leaving behind his wife Sarah and three children; (3) Driver/Operator Daniel Armitage died on January 5, 2012, while not in the line of duty, leaving behind his wife, Christine and three young sons; and (4) Lt. Lyle Sartori died, while not in the line of duty, on November 7, 2018, leaving behind his wife, Senior Officer Jennifer Sartori (also a City police officer), and three children.

Therefore, we both recommend the payment of \$25,000 from the Fund to the spouse (or, if there is no spouse, to the orphan(s)) of each Officers Zogaib, Murray, Armitage, and Sartori (\$100,000 total).

Sincerely,

  
Robert Pfannes, Interim Chief of Police

  
Mike Kennedy, Fire Chief