

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
POLICE PENSION FUND
(A Pension Trust Fund of the City of Springfield, Illinois)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

For the Year Ended February 29, 2012

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees
Police Pension Fund
City of Springfield, Illinois

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Springfield Police Pension Fund, a pension trust fund of the City of Springfield, Illinois, as of and for the year ended February 29, 2012, as listed in the accompanying table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of the Springfield Police Pension Fund management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall basic financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1a, these basic financial statements present only the Springfield Police Pension Fund, a pension trust fund of the City of Springfield, Illinois, and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and changes in financial position of the City of Springfield, Illinois in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the plan net assets of the Springfield Police Pension Fund, a pension trust fund of the City of Springfield, Illinois as of February 29, 2012, and the changes in plan net assets for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Springfield Police Pension Fund has not presented a management's discussion and analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of the basic financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the required supplementary information listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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Springfield, Illinois
August 3, 2012

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
POLICE PENSION FUND
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STATEMENT OF PLAN NET ASSETS

February 29, 2012

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 2,879,855</u>
Investments, at fair value	
Mutual fund equities	50,472,183
Common stock	9,471,620
U.S. Treasury	10,428,447
Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLB)	3,654,594
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC)	17,340,078
Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA)	6,401,815
Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA)	164,905
Corporate Bonds	7,086,258
Insurance Contracts	<u>5,054,205</u>
Total investments	<u>110,074,105</u>
Accrued interest	349,060
Pension contribution receivable	<u>267,568</u>
	<u>616,628</u>
Total assets	<u>113,570,588</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	<u>3,365</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,365</u>
NET PLAN ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 113,567,223</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS

For the Year Ended February 29, 2012

ADDITIONS

Contributions		
Employer contributions	\$	8,550,262
Participant contributions		1,964,961
Total contributions		<u>10,515,223</u>
 Miscellaneous income		 <u>75,405</u>
 Investment income		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments		433,406
Interest and dividends		3,341,692
Total investment income		<u>3,775,098</u>
Less investment expense		<u>(258,175)</u>
Net investment income		<u>3,516,923</u>
Total additions		<u>14,107,551</u>

DEDUCTIONS

Pension benefits and refunds		
Retired		8,477,345
Disabled		217,982
Widows		781,116
Total pension benefits and refunds		<u>9,476,443</u>
 Administrative expenses		
Legal		30,424
Professional services		65,975
Office supplies, equipment, and postage		3,513
Other		46,278
Total administrative expenses		<u>146,190</u>
Total deductions		<u>9,622,633</u>

NET INCREASE 4,484,918

NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS

March 1, 2011	<u>109,082,305</u>
 February 29, 2012	 <u>\$ 113,567,223</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

February 29, 2012

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of the Springfield Police Pension Fund, a pension trust fund of the City of Springfield, Illinois (Plan), have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as applied to government units (hereinafter referred to as generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP)). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Plan's accounting policies are described below.

a. Reporting Entity

The Police Pension Fund is a pension trust of the City of Springfield, Illinois. The Board of Trustees is the administrator of the Fund that was established by the City in accordance with the City Charter and Illinois Compiled Statutes. The Board of Trustees includes two City appointees, one elected retiree and two elected active police officers.

b. Fund Accounting

The Plan uses funds to report on its net assets and the changes in its net assets. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The Plan's fund is classified in this report into the fiduciary category.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held on behalf of outside parties, including other governments, or on behalf of other funds within the government. When pension plan assets are held under the terms of a formal trust agreement, a pension trust fund is used.

c. Basis of Accounting

The pension trust fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of this fund are included on the statement of plan net assets. Pension trust fund operating statements present increases (e.g., additions) and decreases (e.g., deductions) in plan net assets.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

c. Basis of Accounting - Continued

The accrual basis of accounting is utilized by the pension trust fund. Under this method, additions are recorded when earned and deductions are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

d. Investments

Investments are reported at fair value at February 29, 2012. Securities traded on material exchanges are reported at the last quoted market price. Investment income is recognized as earned. Gains and losses on sales and exchanges of investment securities are recognized on the transaction date.

e. Contributions

Participant contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are earned. Employer contributions to the plan are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions.

2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The deposits and investments of the Plan are held separately from those of the City.

The Plan's investment policy authorizes the pension fund to invest in securities permitted in the Illinois Compiled Statutes (40 ILCS 5/1-113). The statutes authorize the Pension Fund to invest in 1) interest bearing direct obligations of the United States of America; 2) interest bearing obligations to the extent they are fully guaranteed or insured by the United States of America; 3) interest bearing bonds, notes, debentures or other similar obligations of agencies of the United States of America; 4) interest bearing savings accounts or certificates of deposit issued by federally chartered banks or savings and loan associations, state of Illinois chartered banks or savings and loan associations, or credit unions to the extent the investments are insured by agencies or instrumentalities of the federal government; 5) interest bearing bonds of the state of Illinois; 6) pooled interest bearing accounts managed by the Illinois Public Treasurer's Pool; 7) interest bearing bonds or tax anticipation warrants of any county, township or municipal corporation of the state of Illinois; 8) direct obligations of the state of Israel subject to certain limitations as defined in the statute; 9) money market mutual funds managed by investment companies that are registered under the federal Investment Company Act of 1940 and Illinois Securities Law of 1953 and are diversified, open-ended management investment companies provided the money market portfolio is limited to bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, treasury bills or other securities guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States of

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - Continued

America; bonds, notes, debentures or other similar obligations of the United States of America or its agencies; or certain short-term obligations of corporations; 10) corporate bonds managed through an investment advisor that must be rated as investment grade by one of the 2 largest rating services at the time of purchase and if subsequently downgraded below investment grade, must be liquidated from the portfolio within 90 days after being downgraded by the manager; 11) general accounts of life insurance companies authorized to transact business in Illinois; 12) separate accounts managed by life insurance companies authorized to transact business in Illinois that are comprised of diversified portfolios consisting of common or preferred stocks, bonds, money market instruments or real estate or loans upon real estate secured by a first or second mortgage; 13) mutual funds managed by an investment company as defined and registered under the federal Investment Company Act of 1940 and Illinois Securities Law of 1953; that have been in operation for at least five years; that have total net assets of \$250 million or more; and that are comprised of diversified portfolios consisting of common or preferred stocks, bonds, money market instruments; 14) common and preferred stocks authorized for investments of trust funds under the laws of the state of Illinois that meet certain requirements detailed in the statutes.

a. Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits with financial institutions is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Plan's deposits may not be returned to it. The Plan's investment policy does not require pledging of collateral for all bank balances in excess of federal depository insurance, since flow-through FDIC insurance is available for the Plan's deposits with financial institutions.

b. Investments

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to the investment, the Plan will not be able to recover the value of its investments that are in possession of an outside party. To limit its exposure the Plan will select a third party custodian to safe-keep the assets of the Plan.

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 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - Continued

b. Investments - Continued

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Plan's investments are held in a custodial account of US Bank and managed by Fiduciary Management Associates, LLC and Chicago Equity Partners, LLC. The plan has adopted an asset allocation policy as follows:

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Fixed Income	40%	50%
U.S. Equity	25	35
Non U.S. Equity	15	25
Real Estate	2	8
Cash	-	5

The book value of total equities may not exceed 55% for mutual funds, separate account of an insurance company, or separate accounts of a money manager. In addition, the Plan must comply with State statutes which dictate that individual holdings must meet certain criteria, and no individual investment held (with the exception of the United States Government and agencies securities) may exceed 5% of the invested assets in total. Also, no single security should comprise more than 10% of the portfolio's overall allocation after accounting for price appreciation and the portfolio may not exceed 10% in cash or cash equivalents.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in the market interest rates. The Plan limits its exposure to interest rate risk by structuring the portfolio to provide liquidity for operating funds and maximizing yields for funds not needed for expected current cash flows. The Plan's investment policy does not limit the maximum maturity length of investments.

As of the February 29, 2012, the Plan had the following investments and maturities of debt securities:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Maturity (In years)</u>			
		<u>Less than 1</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>6-10</u>	<u>>10</u>
U.S. Treasury Securities	\$10,428,447	-	-	\$10,428,447	-
FHLB	3,654,594	-	3,654,594	-	-
FHLMC	17,340,078	-	9,710,232	7,629,846	-
FNMA	6,401,815	-	3,284,172	2,532,047	585,596
GNMA	164,905	-	21,198	-	143,707
Corporate Bonds	7,086,258	1,031,218	4,517,669	1,537,371	-

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 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - Continued

b. Investments - Continued

Credit risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Plan's investment policy requires the average quality of the overall portfolio to not be rated lower than A- or A3. Also, corporate bonds must be rated as investment grade by one of the two largest rating agencies at the time of purchase. Subsequently, if a domestic corporate bond security is downgraded below investment grade by one of the two largest rating agencies, the security must be liquidated from the portfolio within 90 days after the downgrade.

As of February 29, 2012, the portfolio consisted of U.S. treasury securities, Federal Home Loan Mortgage notes, Corporate Bonds, Federal Home Loan Banks (all rated Aaa by Moody's), Federal National Mortgage Association (rated Aaa by Moody's except for \$3,117,643 which are not rated by Moody's), and GNMA (not rated by Moody's).

3. POLICE PENSION FUND

a. Plan Description

1. Police sworn personnel are covered by the Plan, which is a defined benefit single-employer pension plan. Although this is considered a single-employer pension plan, the defined benefits as well as the employee and employer contributions levels are mandated by Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS), 40 ILCS 5/4 and may be amended only by the Illinois legislature. At February 28, 2011, the Plan's membership consisted of:

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	214
Terminated employees entitled to, but not yet receiving benefits	6
Current employees	
Vested	184
Nonvested	<u>65</u>
Total	<u>469</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

3. POLICE PENSION FUND - Continued

a. Plan Description - Continued

2. The following is a summary of the Plan as provided for in Illinois State statutes:

The Police Pension Plan provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. Tier 1 employees (those hired prior to January 1, 2011) attaining the age of 50 or older with 20 or more years of creditable service are entitled to receive an annual retirement benefit equal to one-half of the salary attached to the rank held on the last day of service, or for one year prior to the last day, whichever is greater. The annual benefit shall be increased by 2.5% of such salary for each additional year of service over 20 years up to 30 years to a maximum of 75.0% of such salary. Employees with at least eight years but less than 20 years of credited service may retire at or after age 60 and receive a reduced benefit. The monthly benefit of a police officer who retired with 20 or more years of service after January 1, 1977 shall be increased annually, following the first anniversary date of retirement and be paid upon reaching the age of at least 55 years, by 3.0% of the original pension and 3.0% compounded annually thereafter.

Tier 2 employees (those hired on or after January 1, 2011) attaining the age of 55 or older with 10 or more years of creditable service are entitled to receive an annual retirement benefit equal to the average monthly salary obtained by dividing the total salary of the police officer during the 96 consecutive months of service within the last 120 months of service in which the total salary was the highest by the number of months of service in that period. Police officers' salary for pension purposes is capped at \$106,800, plus the lesser of ½ of the annual change in the Consumer Price Index or 3.0% compounded. The annual benefit shall be increased by 2.5% of such salary for each additional year of service over 20 years up to 30 years to a maximum of 75.0% of such salary. Employees with at least 10 years may retire at or after age 50 and received a reduced benefit (i.e. ½% for each month under 55). The monthly benefit of a Tier 2 police officer shall be increased annually at age 60 on the January 1st after the police officer retires, or the first anniversary of the pension starting date, whichever is later. Non-compounding increases occur annually, each January thereafter. The increase is the lesser of 3.0% or ½ of the change in the Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar year.

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 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

3. POLICE PENSION FUND - Continued

a. Plan Description - Continued

Employees are required by ILCS to contribute 9.91% of their base salary to the Plan. If an employee leaves covered employment with less than 20 years of service, accumulated employee contributions may be refunded without accumulated interest. An employee is fully vested in the plan on the earliest of the completion of six years of service with the municipality; or the death of the employee while employed by the municipality, if the participant has completed at least 1.5 years of service. If the participating employee who is fully vested terminates employment, the participating employee shall be entitled to both employer and employee contributions and any investment returned thereon. The City is required to contribute the remaining amounts necessary to finance the Plan as actuarially determined by an enrolled actuary. Effective January 1, 2011, the City has until the year 2040 to fund 90% of the past service cost for the Plan.

b. Related Party Transactions and Significant Investments

There were no securities of the employer or any other related parties included in plan assets, including any loans. There are no investments (other than U.S. government and agencies' securities and mutual funds) in any one organization that represents 5% or more of net assets available for benefits.

c. Actuarial Valuation

An actuarial valuation was performed as of February 28, 2011. The valuation determined the following:

Actuarial accrued liability	\$204,400,417
Actuarial value of assets	\$111,532,865
Unfunded actuarial liability	\$92,867,552
Funded ratio	54.57%
Annual covered payroll	\$17,539,051
Ratio of unfunded actuarial liability to annual covered payroll	529.49%

The actuarial methods and significant assumptions used for the February 28, 2011 valuation are summarized below:

Mortality rates: The UP-1994 Mortality Table

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 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

3. POLICE PENSION FUND - Continued

c. Actuarial Valuation - Continued

Termination rates: The following is a sample of the termination rates that were used:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate of Termination</u>
25	.0476
30	.0237
35	.0157
40	.0140
45 and over	.0105

Disability rates: The following is a sample of the disability rates that were used:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate of Disability</u>
25	.0012
30	.0021
35	.0031
40	.0041
45	.0050
50	.0085
55	.0267
60	.0000

Retirement rates: Rates of retirement for each age from 50 to 65 were used. The following is a sample of the retirement rates that were used:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate of Termination</u>
50	.2111
55	.1689
60	.3815
65	1.0000

Salary progression: 5.0% per year, compounded annually. This can be considered to consist of a 4.0% inflation assumption and a 1.0% merit increase assumption.

Inflation rate: 4.0% per year, compounded annually.

Investment return rate: 7.5% per year, compounded annually.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

3. POLICE PENSION FUND - Continued

d. Actuarial Valuation - Continued

Marital status: 80% of participants were assumed to be married.

Spouse's age: The age of the spouse was assumed to be 4 years younger than the age of the employee.

Actuarial value of assets: The actuarial value of assets was determined by smoothing unexpected gains or losses from investment return over a five-year period.

Actuarial cost method: Based on the requirements of Public Act 96-1495, the actuarial cost method was changed from the entry age normal cost method to the projected unit credit cost method.

Amortization method: The amortization method used was level-percent of pay with a closed approach.

Amortization period: The amortization period was 29 years.

The required schedule of funding progress immediately following the notes to the financial statements presents multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing relative to the actuarial accrued liability for benefits over time.

4. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Plan is subject to a program compliance audit by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. The compliance audit for the year ended February 29, 2012 has not yet been conducted. Accordingly, the Plan's compliance with applicable requirements will be established at some future date. The amount of adjustments, if any, to be made by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation cannot be determined at this time although the Plan expects such amount, if any, to be immaterial.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
POLICE PENSION PLAN
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SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

February 29, 2012

Actuarial Valuation Date <u>February 28/29</u>	Actuarial Value of Assets <u>(a)</u>	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) -- Entry Age <u>(b)</u>	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) <u>(b-a)</u>	Funded Ratio <u>(a/b)</u>	Covered Payroll <u>(c)</u>	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll <u>((b-a)/c)</u>
2006	\$ 86,968,718	\$ 134,137,870	\$ 47,169,152	64.84%	\$ 15,602,359	302.32%
2007	93,968,422	144,077,490	50,109,068	65.22%	16,019,656	312.80%
2008	99,114,641	172,067,154	72,952,513	57.60%	15,995,773	456.07%
2009	100,639,944	173,781,048	73,141,104	57.91%	17,376,447	420.92%
2010	106,129,535	186,040,560	79,911,025	57.05%	17,919,522	445.94%
2011	111,532,865	204,400,417	92,867,552	54.57%	17,539,051	529.49%

See Independent Auditor's Report.

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SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

February 29, 2012

Fiscal Year	Annual Required Contribution (ARC)	Annual Pension Cost (APC)	Employer Contributions	Percentage of ARC Contributed	Employer Net Pension Obligation (Asset) (NPO)
2007	\$ 4,801,235	\$ 4,797,342	\$ 4,801,235	100%	\$ (194,762)
2008	5,382,890	5,379,191	5,382,890	100%	(198,481)
2009	5,714,717	5,711,207	5,714,717	100%	(201,991)
2010	8,008,143	8,005,283	8,008,143	100%	(204,851)
2011	7,897,449	7,894,897	7,897,449	100%	(207,403)
2012	8,550,052	N/A	8,550,052	N/A	N/A

See Independent Auditor's Report.