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I thank the board and you the pension beneficiaries for allowing me to serve you as secretary. This is ending my first year of a new three-year term. There were no changes in 1925 Pension Statutes directly effecting you, the pension recipient, during the 2005 legislative session. There are, however, some pension areas, about which I wish to remind you:

**Since January 1, 1999, the death benefit for retired officers is \$9,000.00. This is not an insurance policy.
The State orders the city by statute to pay these dollars to help defray funeral expenses. This amount is taxable.**

If you have a disabled and dependent child regardless of age, you should identify him or her to the secretary. **We may work together to determine if the child meets the requirements for benefits as a result of death.** Benefits may include an amount for those disabled and dependent children for the remainder of their lives, or until the disability is cured.

Please keep the secretary notified of any changes of dependants and/or beneficiaries, and especially address changes. I know many of you bask in the sun in the winter and need to change the address in the spring and fall. Please let me know of those changes. A call to my home telephone voice mail or a note in e-mail will bring a quick response.

For those few of you still receiving a "live check" please consider Direct Deposit of your pension check into your savings or checking accounts. We can make the change the same month as your request. One time having your check delayed by a postal error and you'll want this service too! Federal and State Pensions have moved to this payment style. Please make this decision today. If you are not signed up for Direct Deposit, please complete an Authorization. Ask for one or:

It can be found on line, just go to www.FWPD.org and click on links. There find the Fort Wayne Pension Board and click again. At that site, former Trustee Tony Colone has placed the pay schedule, the statutes and in the lower right hand corner, the link to the direct deposit authorization. Print it, complete it and mail it to me. Just think, you can have the money in your account just a few minutes after midnight on the day of the pay.

For pure **1925 Act recipients, not those who converted to the 1977 benefits**, your 2006 pay amounts are listed on this site. Converttees, your pay increases, per 1977 benefits, commence in July and will show on your 1 August check. If you have questions please feel free to contact any member of the Board. You should receive your 1099-R forms at the end of the month. The annual list of retirees will be enclosed.

Other Notes:

Many Retirees meet for a monthly breakfast on **3rd Tuesday** of each month at St. James Restaurant in Avilla from 8:00 to 9:00 A.M.

Fort Wayne Retired Officers Association dues of \$10.00 may now be paid to Lynn Scroggum, the secretary. This group meets quarterly on the **Second Sunday of March, June, September and December** for a carry-in dinner. The March 2006 meeting will be at newly occupied Fraternal Order of Police, Indiana Wayne Lodge No. 14, building on Olladale Drive. Bread is broken at 1 PM sharp... so be there by about 12:30 for some reacquainting time. A short meeting follows.

Chief Russell York has approved the following for families of a deceased officer:

- A Casket Honor Guard - one Officer is posted at the foot of the casket during viewing
- One marked patrol car to escort the procession to the cemetery,
- Flag presentation at cemetery only - A representative of the Police Department would present a Flag to the next of kin.

Your family needs to ask for these services. Your family may contact the Chief's office directly (260-427-1230) or have a funeral director make the call.

Best regards for a healthy and prosperous 2006,