

## **Employees' Retirement System** of Rhode Island

ERSRI Board:

September 14, 2015

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VIA EMAIL ONLY

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North Providence, RI 02911

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RE: Public Records Request

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Dear

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Frank J. Karpinski
Executive Director

We write in response to your September 1, 2015 request for information pursuant to the Rhode Island Access to Public Records Act (APRA). Your specific request is noted below along with our corresponding response.

I am requesting all of my letters and correspondence sent to your office either by myself (Chief Steven J. Catanzaro) or by the Town of North Providence regarding the purchasing of all Volunteer/Call System Time for Firefighters between the dates of September 1998 – thru November 2006.

The documents you seek are not readily available. A search, retrieval and review of 490 member files must be undertaken to locate any responsive documents. It is reasonably estimated that it will take approximately 12 hours to retrieve and review and identify any documents responsive to your request. Pursuant to RIGL § 38-2-4(b), a charge of \$165.00 (12 hours at \$15 per hour with the first hour free) will be assessed. Our response is tolled pending pre-payment. Should you wish us to undertake the search, retrieval and analysis, kindly remit payment to our office.

Please be advised that payment does not guarantee that the records you have requested constitute public records (in whole or in part, i.e. redacted), but only authorizes this office to conduct a search and retrieval to determine if responsive records exist. Should actual fees exceed the pre-payment estimate, this office will advise you and seek your authorization before continuing. Should your pre-payment exceed actual search, retrieval, and copying, you will, of course, be reimbursed. Please note the time in which our office has to respond to your request is tolled until the fees are paid.

If you contend you have been denied access to public records, pursuant to RIGL §38-2-8, you may appeal this decision to Frank J. Karpinski, Executive Director of the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island, 50 Service Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Warwick, RI 02886. You may also file a complaint with the Department of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903 or the Rhode Island Superior Court of the county where the records are maintained.

Additional information regarding the Access to Public Records Act may be found at <a href="http://www.riag.ri.gov/civil/opengovernment">http://www.riag.ri.gov/civil/opengovernment</a>.

Sincerely,

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Public Records Officer

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