



# PSPRS Local Board Newsletter

“Never let formal education get in the way of your learning.  
- Mark Twain

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We hope you have enjoyed the monthly Local Board Newsletter. Please review the following training seminars and messages from our Departments at PSPRS. I have included the 2008 Legislation Summary for your review. The changes in the 2008 forms will be posted to our website by October 1, 2008. Please use the new forms and spreadsheets dated 9/2008. Forms received after January 1, 2009, that are not dated 9/2008 will be sent back to the Local Boards for non-compliance.

Don Mineer – Local Board Training Coordinator

### SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING LOCAL BOARD TRAINING EVENTS “SPOTLIGHT TOPICS”

These meetings are held at the PSPRS office (\*unless otherwise indicated). For those not able to attend, the most popular topics will be offered again in the near future. Check our website and this newsletter for more information.

If you would like to sign up for one of the following Local Board seminars, send an e-mail to [don@psprs.com](mailto:don@psprs.com).

Date	Time	Topic
10/27/08	9 AM to 4 PM	General Local Board Conference (Phoenix) *To be held at 5033 N 19th Ave, Phoenix AZ
11/18/08	10 AM to 12 PM	Local Board Duties and Responsibilities
12/9/08	10 AM to 12 PM	How to Calculate Normal, Survivor & Disability Retirements
1/20/09	10 AM to 12 PM	Contributions, Buybacks, and Transfers
2/11/09	9 AM to 4 PM	General Local Board Conference (Tucson) *To be held at 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, AZ

### SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING LOCAL BOARD TRAINING EVENTS “Q & A SESSIONS”

These meetings are held at the PSPRS office and space is limited. If you would like to sign up for our Q & A sessions, send an e-mail to [don@psprs.com](mailto:don@psprs.com).

Thursday	10/9/08	10 AM to 12 PM
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### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PSPRS BENEFITS DEPARTMENT NEW BENEFITS FAX # 602-296-2369**

If your local board is processing retirement paperwork for an employee who currently has a child support order on file with the employer, it would be helpful if your board informed the employee they are responsible to notify the superior court clearinghouse that they terminated employment. Upon receipt of a modification order from the clearinghouse, PSPRS/CORP/EORP will notify the member that child support will be withheld from their monthly retirement benefit. Until such time as PSPRS/CORP/EORP receives a copy of the modification order prior to the 10th of the month, the member is required to pay child support to the clearinghouse.

### **2008 LEGISLATION SUMMARY EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 26, 2008 (UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)**

Below is a brief summary of bills that have been passed into law that may affect our members and employers. To view legislation in its entirety, visit the Arizona State Legislature's website at [www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov)

#### **HB2058 – PSPRS; LOCAL BOARD; PROCEDURES**

Unless agreed otherwise by both parties, the local board has 90 days to conduct a hearing when a matter is presented to the board for determination. If the local board does not conduct a hearing within 90 days, the matter is deemed granted and approved subject to a request for rehearing by the Fund Manager.

1. All fees of the local board shall be paid by the employer. Legal counsel of the local board shall be independent of the employer and employees.
2. If the local board has not yet adopted rules of procedure for adjudication of a claim or dispute, the local board can use model rules issued by outside counsel, More information regarding these model rules can be found on our website at [www.psprs.com](http://www.psprs.com)



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### **HB2059 – PSPRS; HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY; EMPLOYER**

Repeals the \$25.00 Subsidy for members that obtain their own insurance administered by their former employer. Effective July 1, 2008. Repealed prior to going into effect.

### **HB2116 – CORP; JOINDERS**

1. For those dispatchers designated for membership on the joinder date, all credited service that represents credited service in a designated position shall be transferred from ASRS.
2. Assets shall be transferred no later than 90 days after the employer's effective date.

### **HB2117 – CORP; ORDINARY DISABILITY**

**Members must have been injured on or after the effective date of the legislation (September 26, 2008) to be eligible for consideration of an ordinary disability by the local board.**

1. Removes the 100% funded requirement for the ordinary disability provision for non-dispatchers.
2. Beginning the first pay period ending after September 26, 2008, requires all non-dispatchers to contribute 8.41%, Until the plan is 100% funded. When 100% funded, the contribution rate goes back to 7.96% for non-dispatchers.

### **HB2120 – CORP; DETENTION OFFICERS**

1. Allows DPS Detention Officers to participate in CORP after CORP is 100% funded.
2. For those Detention Officers designated for membership on the joinder date, all assets and service from ASRS shall be transferred to CORP, if any.



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### SB1043 – CORP; JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

1. Allows the local board of the Administrative Office of the Courts to designate positions eligible for participation in CORP if the position is filled by someone currently in CORP and has 5 years of credited service. The member must make a written request to the local board within 90 days of accepting the position. When the employee leaves the position, the position reverts back to a non-designated

### SB1030 – PSPRS; FIREFIGHTERS

1. Allows the employer who contracts with a corporation to provide firefighting services the option to treat part of all of the period the firefighter worked for the company as service in the joinder agreement.

2. If the employer elects to include its firefighters who have prior service working as a firefighter for a corporation that contracted with an employer as part of its eligible group, the employer shall amend the joinder agreement with PSPRS. A new actuarial valuation may be necessary to determine the cost of the additional liability for the employer. The cost for the new actuarial valuation will be paid by the employer.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTIVE MEMBERS SERVICES DEPARTMENT NEW ACTIVE MEMBER FAX # 602-296-2368

Effective September 26, 2008, active participating firefighters with PSPRS with previous Rural Metro service may be eligible to purchase those service credits, subject to certain restrictions.

A.R.S. § 38-853.01 now allows an employer to pick up (pay for) Rural Metro time for eligible members as part of the employer's joinder agreement or amended joinder agreement. In the event the employer does not pick up the cost of the Rural Metro service, the new legislation permits members to purchase Rural Metro time using one of the following two methods:

- **Personal Money.** A member who uses personal monies to purchase Rural Metro service must have 5 years of participation in PSPRS and is limited to purchasing 5 years of his or her Rural Metro time.

- **Trustee-to-Trustee Transfer.** A member who initiates a trustee-to-trustee transfer from a 403(b) or 457 plan is not subject to the 5 year participation requirement and may purchase all of his or her Rural Metro time.



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Members interested in purchasing Rural Metro time need to complete the affidavit (Form "P2A") located on our website [www.psprs.com](http://www.psprs.com) requesting PSPRS to provide the cost to purchase Rural Metro service. If you have any questions, just give us a call: (602) 255-5575

### STAFF PROFILE – ROBERT ORTEGA – BENEFITS DEPARTMENT

Robert joined the PSPRS Benefits Team in January 2008, and currently handles retirement benefits under Public Safety Retirement, which includes Normal, Disability and Exit DROP. Prior to joining the PSPRS, he was the Benefits Coordinator and Local Board Secretary for the Department of Public Safety. Robert graduated from ASU with a degree in Human Resources.

### STAFF PROFILE - SHERRY SALTSMAN – ACTIVE MEMBER DEPARTMENT

Sherry has been a Team leader in the Active Members Department for the past 5 years. Sherry works with all contributions, with employers new to the PSPRS ACH contribution process, with our accounting department on balancing all active accounts and benefits paid to members and she reviews all refunds that are distributed to members. Sherry has been with PSPRS for 16 years.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PSPRS IT DEPARTMENT

Effective October 1st, the new Active Members / Retirement Benefit forms will be available on the PSPRS website ([www.psprs.com](http://www.psprs.com)). As a result, some changes to the Local Board Spreadsheets will be completed and posted very soon. Be advised that a variety of changes and improvements will be reflected. Some large, some not so large. Please be sure to delete any old forms and spreadsheets you may have saved on your PC or local network drives and always download new forms and spreadsheets from the PSPRS website in order to guarantee the latest, most up to date, information for your members.