



**Albert Lea  
Firemen's Relief Association**



**Annual Actuarial Valuation**

**December 31, 1990**

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May 16, 1991

Board of Trustees  
Albert Lea Firemen's Relief Association  
Albert Lea, Minnesota

Submitted in this report are the results of the December 31, 1990 actuarial valuation of the assets, actuarial values and contribution requirements associated with the benefits provided by the Albert Lea Firemen's Relief Association.

The valuation results contained in Section A provide the actuarial information needed to determine the employer's "minimum obligation" effective January 1, 1992. Section A also contains comments regarding the valuation results.

The valuation was based upon information furnished by the Association concerning benefits, financial transactions, active members, terminated members, retirants and beneficiaries. Data was checked for year to year consistency but was not otherwise audited by us. This information is summarized in Section B.

A description of the actuarial funding method and the risk experience assumptions used is contained in Section C. The economic risk experience assumptions, as well as the actuarial funding method to be used, are established by state law.

Information needed to comply with Statement No. 5 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board is contained in Section D.

The actuarial valuation was prepared using generally accepted actuarial principles and practices based upon the methods, assumptions, summary of plan provisions and the member and financial data described in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## **Section A**

### **Valuation Results**



## COMMENTS

### Economic Assumptions and Financing Method

The economic assumptions of 5% annual investment return and 3-1/2% annual salary increases are established by state law. State law also specifies that the annual minimum obligation of the municipality shall be determined by adding (i) the employer normal cost percent times covered payroll to (ii) the level dollar amount required to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability by December 31, 2010.

It is worth noting that when the same assumptions and methods are applied to plans which differ in nature, the valuation results may not be comparable. Caution should be exercised when attempting to assess the financial condition of one Association relative to another on the basis of valuation results produced using the assumptions and methods mandated by state law.

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CONTRIBUTION RATE TO PROVIDE BENEFITS

Member portion & Employer portion  
Effective January 1, 1992

<u>Contributions for</u>	<u>If Paid Equally Throughout Year</u>	
	<u>Normal Cost</u> <u>% of Active</u> <u>Payroll for 1992</u>	<u>UAAL Dollars</u>
Normal cost of annuities:		
Age & service: to members	22.70%	
Age & service: to survivors	5.29	
Disability	2.77	
Death before retirement	2.62	
Refunds of member contributions	<u>0.30</u>	
Total Normal Cost	33.68%	
Amortization of unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities (UAAL) (19 year level dollar payment)		
Retired lives		\$ 0
Active members		<u>127,300</u>
Total		127,300
Total Cost of Benefits	33.68%	+ \$127,300
Member contributions	8.00%	
COMPUTED EMPLOYER RATE:		
(a) If Paid Equally Throughout Year	25.68%	+ \$127,300
(b) IF PAID AT CALENDAR YEAR END	26.31%	+ \$130,444

# Albert Lea Firemen's Relief Association

## Present Actuarial Condition

The Association's accrued actuarial assets were in excess of \$7.3 million on December 31, 1990 -- a considerable sum of money if unencumbered and allocated among a small group of persons. This is not the case with the Association's assets.

The following schedule puts the \$7.3 million into perspective by showing the relationship between accrued actuarial assets, actuarial accrued liabilities, and the number of persons with actual and potential claims on the Association's assets.

	<u>Accrued Actuarial Assets</u>	<u>Actuarial Accrued Liabilities</u>	<u>Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities</u>	<u>Percent Funded</u>
Retirants and Beneficiaries				
Retired Members (12)		\$3,186,331		
Surviving Spouses (5)		614,526		
Surviving Children (0)		<u>0</u>		
Total (17)	\$3,800,857	\$3,800,857	\$ 0	100.0%
Deferred Members (0)	0	0	0	0.0
Active Members (17)	<u>3,545,016</u>	<u>5,121,623</u>	<u>1,576,607</u>	69.2
Total	\$7,345,873	\$8,922,480	\$1,576,607	82.3%

actuarial accrued liabilities represent the value, computed as of December 31, 1990 of:

- (i) retirement allowances likely to be paid the 17 retirants and beneficiaries; and
- (ii) the contributions assumed to have been made for the 17 active members from entry into the plan until December 31, 1990.

The value of retirement allowances likely to be paid the 17 retirants and beneficiaries, discounted for investment earnings and mortality, was computed to be \$3,800,857 as of December 31, 1990. To put this amount in perspective, the \$3,800,857, together with investment earnings, will just be sufficient to pay the 17 retirants and beneficiaries their allowances for their remaining lifetimes. This assumes the 17 retirants and beneficiaries live and die according to the assumed mortality and the \$3,800,857 is invested to yield an average annual return of 5.0% over the remaining lifetimes of the retirants and beneficiaries.

With respect to the active members, the actuarial accrued liability of \$5,121,623 represents the amount that would have been accumulated by December 31, 1990. This assumes the normal cost (which is expressed as a level percentage of pay) had been contributed from the date of hire until December 31, 1990 for the 17 actives, and that these amounts had earned 5.0% interest. It also assumes that the members in the past have lived, died, withdrawn, retired and received salary increases according to the actuarial assumptions shown in this report.

Historical Funding Ratio Schedule  
(\$ in thousands)

<u>Valuation Date December 31</u>	<u>Actuarial Accrued Liabilities</u>	<u>Accrued Actuarial Assets</u>	<u>Percent Funded</u>
1981	\$5,540	\$2,098	37.9%
1982	6,133	2,630	42.9
1983*	6,682	3,005	45.0
1984	7,011	3,502	49.9
1985	7,271	4,339	59.7
1986	7,414	4,908	66.2
1987	7,739	5,269	68.1
1988	8,004	5,954	74.4
1989	8,410	7,029	83.6
1990	8,922	7,346	82.3

\* After change in assumptions.

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**Computed Contributions - Comparative Schedule**

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<u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31</u>		<u>Total Normal Cost</u> <u>as a Percent of</u> <u>Valuation Payroll*</u>	<u>Contribution For</u> <u>Unfunded Actuarial</u> <u>Accrued Liabilities</u>
<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Fiscal</u>		
1981	1983	N/A	N/A
1982	1984	31.00%	\$233,447
1983	1985**	33.39	249,637
1984	1986	33.31	242,979
1985	1987	33.69	207,360
1986	1988	33.68	181,305
1987	1989	33.67	183,133
1988	1990	33.66	156,021
1989	1991	33.67	108,101
1990	1992	33.68	127,300

\* Includes employee contributions.

\*\* After change in assumptions.



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CONTRIBUTION FOR CALENDAR YEAR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1992

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For any period of time the percent-of-payroll contribution rate is converted to dollars. The amount of dollars for any calendar year depends upon the results of the last actuarial valuation, and the timing of contributions within the year. The later the contribution date, the greater the dollar amount will be.

The municipality's dollar contribution for the year may be determined as follows:

(1)	Estimated covered payroll for 1992		\$_____
(2)	Total normal cost % from page A-2		33.68%
(3)	Total normal cost (Line 1 times line 2)		\$_____
(4)	_____ x 1.035 1990 Administrative expenses paid from the Special Fund		_____
(5)	Amortization payment on UAAL from page A-2		127,300
(6)	Total contributions required (Line 3 plus line 4 plus line 5)		_____
(7)	Employee contributions (Line 1 times 8%)		\$_____
(8)	(a) State amortization aid based on 12/31/78 UAAL of \$1,910,374	\$28,751	
	(b) State amortization aid based on 1984 legislation	<u>5,913</u>	
	(c) Total State amortization aid		34,664
(9)	Estimated insurance premium aid		_____
(10)	Estimated total contributions from other sources (Line 7 plus line 8 plus line 9)		_____
(11)	Employer's Minimum Obligation if payment is made in equal installments throughout the year (Line 6 minus line 10)		\$_____
(12)	EMPLOYER'S MINIMUM OBLIGATION IF PAYMENT IS MADE AT YEAR END (Line 11 times 1.0247)		\$_____

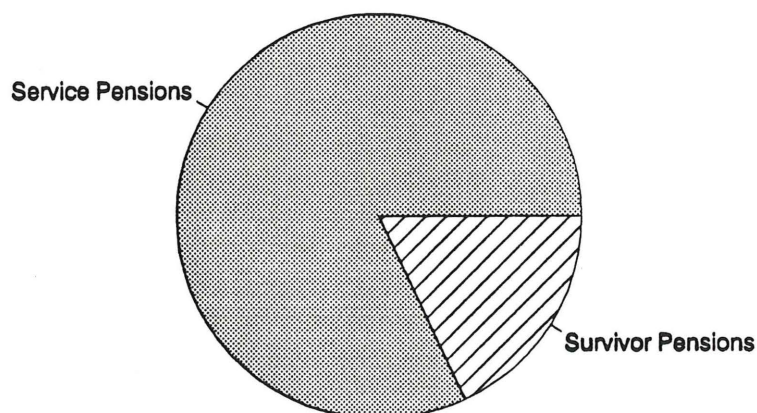
**Section B**

**Valuation Data  
and  
Summary of Benefit Provisions**

Albert Lea Firemen's Relief Association  
Retirants and Beneficiaries December 31, 1990  
By Type of Annuity Being Paid

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<u>Type of Annuity Being Paid</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Monthly Amounts</u>	<u>Computed Actuarial Accrued Liabilities</u>
Retirants receiving:			
Age & Service	12	\$18,281.42	\$3,186,331
Disability	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	12	18,281.42	3,186,331
Beneficiaries receiving:			
Spouse	5	4,028.44	614,526
Child	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	5	4,028.44	614,526
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Totals	17	\$22,309.86	\$3,800,857



Monthly Amount Paid by Benefit

**Albert Lea Firemen's Relief Association**  
**Retirants and Beneficiaries December 31, 1990**  
**By Attained Ages**

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<u>Attained Ages</u>	<u>Number</u>		
	<u>Age &amp; Service</u>	<u>Disability</u>	<u>Death Before Retirement</u>
55-59	3		
60-64	3		
65-69	5		1
70-74	2		
75-79	1		
80-84	1		
85-89	<u>1</u>	—	—
Totals	16		1

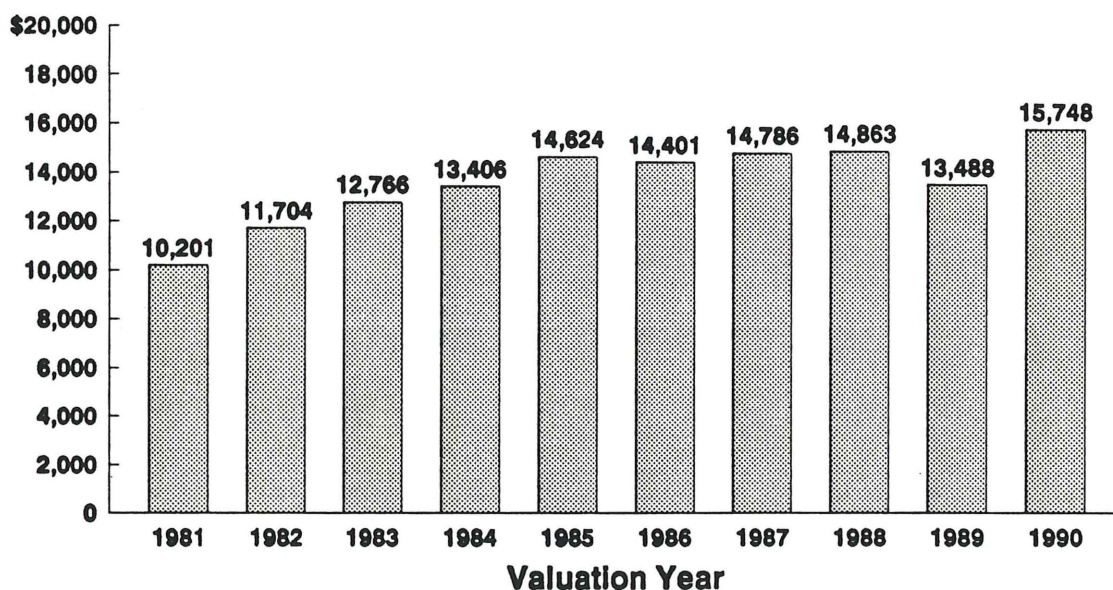
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## Retirants and Beneficiaries Added to and Removed from Rolls

### Comparative Statement

Valuation Date December 31	No. Added to Rolls	No. Removed from Rolls	Rolls End of Year		Discounted Value of Total Allowances
			No.	Annual Allowances	
1981	3		13	\$132,616	\$2,325,638
1982	2		15	175,562	3,014,808
1983	2	1	16	204,254	3,685,244
1984			16	214,492	3,691,183
1985	1		17	248,603	4,134,908
1986	1	1	17	244,820	3,950,327
1987			17	251,367	3,932,285
1988	1	1	17	252,679	3,806,394
1989	1	1	17	229,292	3,765,466
1990			17	267,718	3,800,857

### Average Annual Allowances





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Active Members December 31, 1990

By Attained Age and Years of Service

Attained Age	Years of Service to Valuation Date							Totals	
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30 Plus	No.	Valuation Payroll
35-39			1					1	\$ 30,737
40-44			1					1	30,737
45-49			1	1	2	2		6	198,192
50-54				1	2	4		7	228,051
55-59						1	1	2	84,903
			—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals			3	2	4	7	1	17	\$572,620

While not used in the financial computations, the following group averages are computed and shown because of their general interest.

Age: 48.6 years.

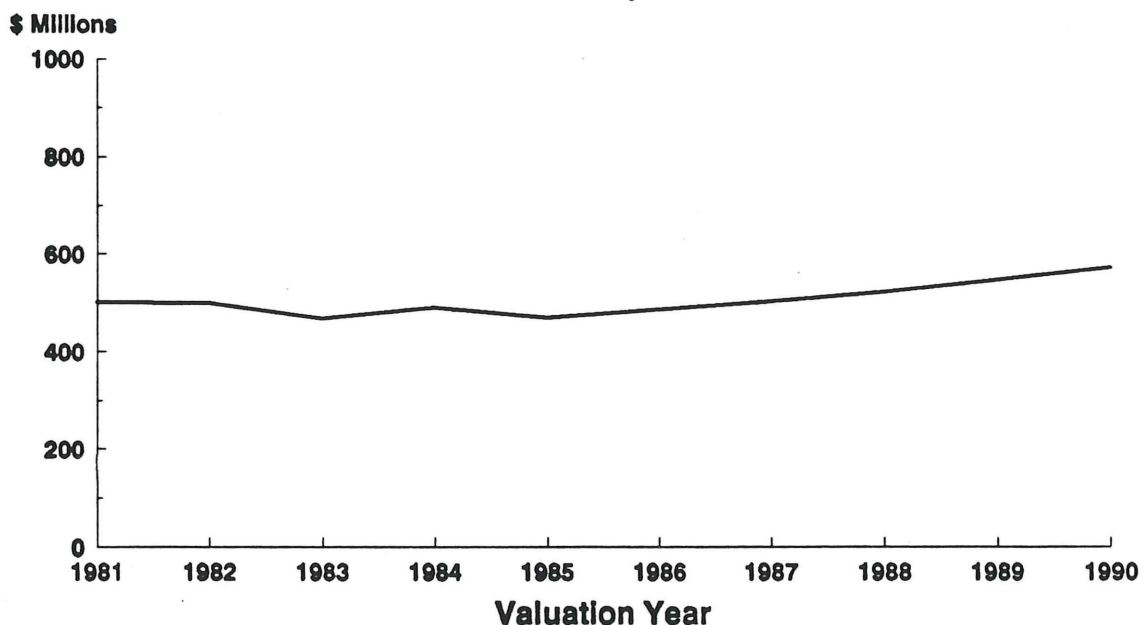
Service: 22.5 years.

Annual Pay: \$33,684.

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**Comparative Schedule**  
**Of Active Members**

<u>Valuation Date December 31</u>	<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Valuation Payroll</u>	<u>Average</u>			
			<u>Age</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Pay</u>	<u>% Incr.</u>
1981	22	\$502,524	43.0 yrs.	16.9 yrs.	\$22,842	10.1%
1982	20	501,619	43.0	16.6	26,081	9.8
1983	18	469,233	42.6	16.6	26,069	3.9
1984	18	490,732	43.6	17.6	27,263	4.6
1985	17	469,624	43.6	17.5	27,625	1.3
1986	17	486,615	44.6	18.5	28,624	3.6
1987	17	503,802	45.6	19.5	29,635	3.5
1988	17	523,734	46.6	20.5	30,808	4.0
1989	17	547,840	47.6	21.5	32,226	4.6
1990	17	572,620	48.6	22.5	33,684	4.5

**Valuation Payroll**



## Albert Lea Firemen's Relief Association

### Brief Summary (12/31/90) of Benefit Provisions Evaluated and/or Considered

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#### Age & Service Retirement

Eligibility. 20 years of service and 50 years of age.

Amount. For first 20 years of service, 50% of final salary. For each year in excess of 20, 1% of final salary is added to the benefit. For each year in excess 25, an additional 1/2% of base pay is added to the benefit. (The latter additional benefit is not subject to the post-retirement adjustment provisions.)

#### Disability Retirement

Eligibility. Disabled to the extent that no longer able to perform the duties of a fireman before being eligible for age & service retirement.

Amount. Same as regular retirement.

#### Member's Death While Active, Or In Deferred Status, Or Retired

Eligibility.

Spouse. Legally married to member at least 1 year before separation from service and residing with member at time of death. Benefits terminate upon remarriage. If that marriage is terminated, the widow's pension benefits can be reinstated at the appropriate level without backpay.

Child. Age 18 or younger.

Amount.

Spouse. 30% of final salary.

Child. 10% of final salary per child. Children's maximum is 20% if spouse is receiving or 50% if no spouse is receiving.

Vested Deferred. 20 years of service and separated before age 50. Payment beginning is deferred to attainment of age 50.

Post-Retirement Adjustments ("Escalator"). Each time active firemen's salaries are changed, payments to all benefit recipients are simultaneously changed by the same percent that active pay is changed.

Member Contributions. 8% of base pay. Total member contributions are refundable, without interest, if no benefit is payable upon separation from service.

## **Section C**

### **Valuation Methods and Assumptions**



# Albert Lea Firemen's Relief Association

## Valuation Methods and Assumptions

The Entry Age Normal Cost method was used to determine the normal cost of all benefits. The rate of investment return (interest) as required by state law used in making the valuation was 5.0 percent per annum, compounded annually. Age & service retirement was assumed to occur at age 56, attained age if older.

### Mortality Table\*

Sample Ages	Single Life Values: Present Value of \$1 Monthly				Future Life	
	Level		Increasing		Expectancy (Years)	
	For Life		3.5% Yearly			
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
45	\$177.21	\$189.58	\$280.82	\$314.75	29.50	34.00
50	163.12	177.21	246.55	280.82	25.20	29.50
55	147.50	163.12	212.60	246.55	21.16	25.20
60	130.52	147.50	179.49	212.60	17.42	21.16
65	112.87	130.52	148.28	179.49	14.05	17.42
70	95.20	112.87	119.70	148.28	11.09	14.05
75	77.77	95.20	93.83	119.70	8.52	11.09
80	61.71	77.77	71.69	93.83	6.39	8.52

\* UP-1984 Table set forward 2 years for males and set back 3 years for females.

### Sample Rates of Separation from Active Employment Before Retirement, Death or Disability

Sample Ages	% of Active Members Separating within Next Year
20	1.50%
25	1.25
30	1.00
35	0.75
40	0.50
45	0.25
50+	0.00

### Pay Adjustment Factor Used To Project Current Pays

<u>Sample Ages</u>	<u>Present Pay Resulting in Pay of \$1,000 at Age 60</u>	<u>Present Increase in Pay During Next Year</u>
20	\$ 253	3.5%
25	300	3.5
30	356	3.5
35	423	3.5
40	503	3.5
45	597	3.5
50	709	3.5
55	842	3.5
60	1,000	3.5

Use of the pay adjustment factor illustrated above is required by state law.

### Anticipated Disability Retirements

<u>Sample Ages</u>	<u>% of Active Members Becoming Disabled within Next Year</u>
20	0.08%
25	0.08
30	0.08
35	0.08
40	0.20
45	0.26
50	0.49
55	0.89

## **Section D**

**The Pension Benefit Obligation  
and Certain Other Disclosures  
Required by Statement No. 5 of the  
Governmental Accounting Standards Board**

## PENSION BENEFIT OBLIGATION

The amount shown below as the "pension benefit obligation" is a standardized disclosure measure of the present value of pension benefits, adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases, estimated to be payable in the future as a result of employee service to date. The measure is the actuarial present value of credited projected benefits and is intended to (i) help users assess the plan's funding status on a going-concern basis, (ii) assess progress being made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due, and (iii) allow for comparisons among public employee retirement plans. The measure is independent of the actuarial funding method used to determine contributions to the plan.

The pension benefit obligation was determined as part of an actuarial valuation of the plan as of December 31, 1990. Significant actuarial assumptions used in determining the pension benefit obligation include (a) a rate of return on the investment of present and future assets of 5.0% per year compounded annually, (b) projected salary increases of 3.5% per year compounded annually, attributable to inflation, and (c) the assumption that benefits will increase 3.5% per year after retirement.

At December 31, 1989, the unfunded pension benefit obligation was \$1,449,364 determined as follows:

### Pension Benefit Obligation:

Retirants and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits and terminated employees not yet receiving benefits	\$3,800,857
Current employees --	
Accumulated employee contributions including allocated investment income	487,820
Employer financed	<u>4,436,214</u>
Total Pension Benefit Obligation	\$8,724,891
Net assets available for benefits, at cost (market value was \$7,486,564)	<u>7,275,527</u>
Unfunded Pension Benefit Obligation	\$1,449,364

The total pension benefit obligation as of January 1, 1990 was \$8,202,411. During the year, the plan experienced a net change of \$522,480 in the pension benefit obligation.

## CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED AND CONTRIBUTIONS MADE

The Association's funding policy provides for periodic employer contributions at actuarially determined rates that, expressed as percentages of annual covered payroll, are designed to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. The normal cost and actuarial accrued liability are determined using an entry age actuarial funding method. Unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities are being amortized as a level dollar amount over a period of 19 years.

During the year ended December 31, 1990, contributions totaling \$357,303 -- \$313,485 employer and \$43,818 employee -- were made in accordance with contribution requirements determined by an actuarial valuation of the plan as of December 31, 1988. The employer contributions consisted of \$134,390 for normal cost and \$179,095 for amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Employer contributions represented 59.86% of covered payroll.

Significant actuarial assumptions used to compute contribution requirements were the same as those used to compute the standardized measure of the pension benefit obligation.

### Computed Contribution Comparative Schedule

Fiscal Year December 31	Valuation Date December 31	<u>Contribution Rates</u>		Valuation Payroll	<u>Dollar Contribution For Fiscal Year</u>	
		<u>Normal Cost % of Valuation Payroll</u>	<u>UAAL Dollars</u>		<u>Computed</u>	<u>Actual</u>
1987	1985	25.69%	\$207,360	\$469,624	\$328,006	\$339,912
1988	1986	25.68	181,305	486,615	306,268	311,708
1989	1987	25.67	183,133	503,802	312,459	315,542
1990	1988	25.66	156,021	523,734	290,411	313,485
1991	1989	25.67	108,101	547,840	248,732	
1992	1990	25.68	127,300	572,620	274,349	



REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
ANALYSIS OF FUNDING PROGRESS

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Valuation Date December 31	(1) Net Assets Available for Benefits	(2) Pension Benefit Obligation (PBO)	(3) Percent Funded (1)/(2)	(4) Unfunded PBO (2)-(1)	(5) Annual Covered Payroll	(6) Unfunded PBO as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (4)/(5)
1987	\$5,255,215	\$7,523,718	69.8%	\$2,268,503	\$503,802	450.3%
1988	5,919,273	7,791,048	76.0	1,871,775	523,734	357.4
1989	6,967,496	8,202,411	84.9	1,234,915	547,840	225.4
1990	7,275,527	8,724,891	83.4	1,449,364	572,620	253.1

Analysis of the dollar amounts of net assets available for benefits, pension benefit obligation, and unfunded pension benefit obligation in isolation can be misleading. Expressing the net assets available for benefits as a percentage of the pension benefit obligation provides one indication of the plan's funded status on a going-concern basis. Analysis of this percentage over time indicates whether the system is becoming financially stronger or weaker. Generally, the greater this percentage, the stronger the plan. The unfunded pension benefit obligation and annual covered payroll are both affected by inflation. Expressing the unfunded pension benefit obligation as a percentage of annual covered payroll approximately adjusts for the effects of inflation and aids analysis of the progress being made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. Generally, the smaller this percentage, the stronger the plan.

## **Appendices**

## APPENDIX I

### FINANCIAL PRINCIPLES AND OPERATIONAL TECHNIQUES

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Promises Made, and Eventually Paid. As each year is completed, the plan in effect hands an "IOU" to each member then acquiring a year of service credit -- the "IOU" says: "The Pension Plan owes you a portion of your retirement benefits, payments to be made in cash, commencing when you qualify for retirement."

The related key financial questions are: Which generation of taxpayers contributes the money to cover the IOU? The present taxpayers, who receive the benefit of the member's present year of service? Or the future taxpayers, who happen to be in town paying taxes at the later time when the IOU becomes a cash demand?

A sound principle of sound retirement plan financing is to have this year's taxpayers contribute the money to cover the IOUs being handed out this year. By following this principle, THE CONTRIBUTION RATE WILL REMAIN APPROXIMATELY LEVEL FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION -- our children and grandchildren will contribute the same percents of active payroll we contribute now.

#### A PENSION PLAN BECOMES CLOSED

The diagram in this appendix shows two important activities which occur after a plan has been closed to employees hired in the future.

Cash benefits paid continue to increase for decades, while active member payroll begins to decrease to zero.

Funding Method. A funding method is the long-term, planned pattern for employer contributions.

For an open plan (a plan covering future employees), the level-percent-of-active-member payroll funding method is the basic funding method.

The level-percent funding method can also be applied to a closed plan. However, the resulting contribution percent usually jumps to a high rate, because the number of covered active members is decreasing.

A preferred funding method for a closed plan consists of: level-percent funding for normal cost (the cost of members' service now being rendered); plus a level dollar contribution for unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities over a limited period of years. The period of years must be limited so that plan assets don't become zero while benefits are still payable.

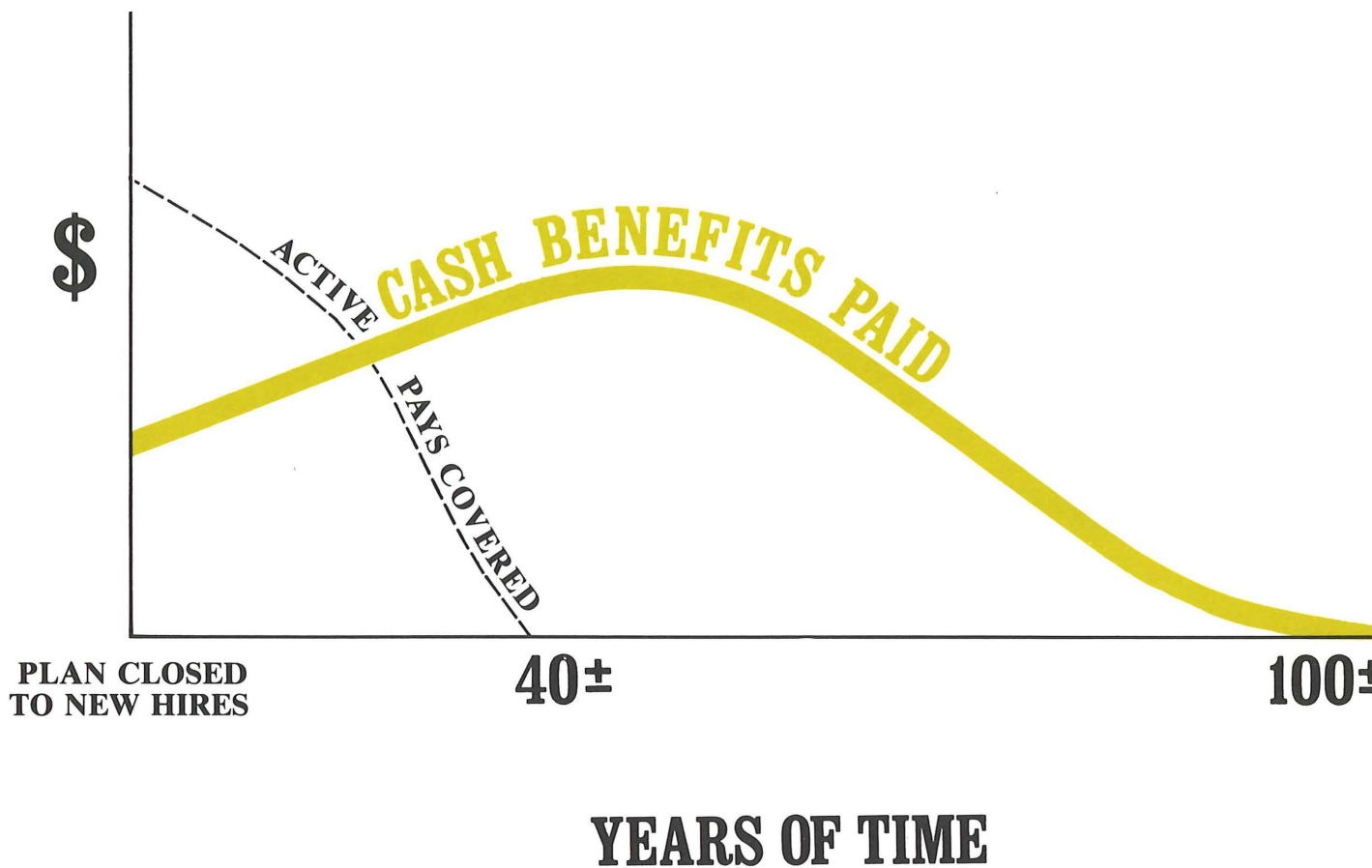
Computing Contributions To Support Plan Benefits. From a given schedule of benefits and from the employee data and asset data furnished him, the actuary determines the contribution rates to support the benefits by means of an actuarial valuation and a funding method.

In making an actuarial valuation, assumptions must be made regarding anticipated financial experiences for the next year and for decades in the future. Only the subsequent actual experience of the plan can indicate the degree of accuracy of the assumptions.

Reconciling Differences Between Assumed Experience and Actual Experience. Once actual experience has occurred and been observed, it will not coincide exactly with assumed experience, regardless of the wisdom of the assumptions or the skill of the actuary and the millions of calculations he made. The future can be predicted with considerable but not 100% precision, except for inflation which seems to defy reliable prediction.

A well-managed plan copes with these continually changing differences by having periodic actuarial valuations. Each actuarial valuation is a complete recalculation of assumed future experience, taking into account all past differences between assumed and actual experience. The result is continuing adjustment in financial position.

# A CLOSED PENSION PLAN



A plan becomes closed when no new hires are admitted to active membership. The persons covered by the plan at the time of closing continue their normal activities and continue to be covered by the plan, until the last survivor dies.

**CASH BENEFITS LINE.** After a pension plan becomes closed, the usual pattern is for cash benefits to continue to increase for decades of time. Eventually the cash benefits will peak, and then gradually decrease over more decades of time, ultimately to zero. The last cash benefit is likely to occur a century after the time the plan is closed.

The precise amounts of cash benefits cannot be known now, and must be estimated by assumptions of future experiences in a variety of financial risk areas.



## APPENDIX II

### MEANING OF UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Almost every pension plan (public or private) has "unfunded accrued liabilities", so whatever they are, they aren't rare. Since the term is not part of everyday conversation, it needs some definition.

"Accrued liabilities" are the present value \$ of plan promises to pay benefits in the future based upon service already rendered - - - a liability has been established ("accrued") because the service has been rendered, but the resulting monthly cash benefit may not be payable until years in the future. Accrued liabilities \$ are the result of complex mathematical calculations, which are made by the plan's actuary (which is the name given to the specialist who makes such calculations).

If "accrued liabilities" at any time exceed the plan's accrued assets (cash & investments), the difference is "unfunded accrued liabilities". This is the common condition. If the plan's assets equalled the plan's "accrued liabilities", the plan would be termed "fully funded". This is a rare condition.

Each time a plan adds a new benefit which applies to service already rendered, an "accrued liability" is created, which is also an "unfunded accrued liability" because the plan can't print instant cash to cover the accrued liability. Payment for such unfunded accrued liabilities is spread over a period of years, commonly in the 20-40 year range.



Unfunded accrued liabilities can occur in another way: If actual financial experience is less favorable than assumed financial experience, the difference is added to unfunded accrued liabilities. In plans where plan benefits are directly related to an employee's pay near time of retirement (a common plan provision) rather than his average pay throughout his working career, unfunded accrued liabilities have been increasing in recent years because unexpected rates of pay increase have created additional accrued liabilities which could not be matched by reasonable investment results. Some of these unexpected pay increases are the direct result of inflation, which is a very destructive force on financial stability.

The existence of unfunded accrued liabilities is not bad, then (any more than a mortgage on your house is "bad"), but the changes from year to year in amount of unfunded accrued liabilities are important - - - "bad" or "good" or somewhere in between.

Nor are unfunded accrued liabilities a bill payable immediately (your food costs are payable immediately), but it is important that policy-makers prevent the amount from becoming unreasonably high and it is vital that your plan have a sound method for making payments toward them so that they are controlled.

The existence of large amounts of unfunded accrued liabilities indicates that total contributions in past years were less than level - - - an almost certain history if retired life liabilities are not fully funded now.

# Office of the State Auditor Firefighters Relief Association Reporting Form



Office of the State Auditor  
525 Park Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55103  
(612) 297-3685

## Firefighters Relief Association

Name ALBERT LEA

County of FREEBORNE

**For the Year Ended December 31, 1990**

1. For associations with assets or liabilities of less than \$200,000, per Minnesota Statutes Section 69.051 subdivision 1a, please obtain a cash audit and return this form with a signed audit Certification (independent public accountant on page 5) by March 31.
2. For associations with assets or liabilities of at least \$200,000, per Minnesota Statutes Section 69.051 subdivision 1, return this form along with an audited financial statement by June 30.

**Firefighters Relief Association Reporting Form**  
**Year Ended December 31, 1990**

Name of Relief Association ALBERT LEA FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Mailing Address 221 East Clark Street

City/State Albert Lea MN Zip Code 56007

**TYPE OF SERVICE PENSION BENEFIT PROVIDED IN BYLAWS:**

- ☐ Lump sum      ☒ Monthly or other annuity      ☐ Defined contribution (split-the-pie)  
☐ None      ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

1. The Fire Department your Relief Association is associated with is:

- ☒ Municipal Fire Department      ☐ Independent Nonprofit Firefighting Corporation

2. The Fire Department is:

- ☒ Salaried (career)      ☐ Volunteer      ☐ Salaried and Volunteer

3. Number of active firefighters:

Salaried (career) .....	<u>25</u>
Volunteer .....	_____
Total number of members .....	<u>25</u>

**RELIEF ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

4. Number of active members .....	<u>17</u>
5. Number of retired and/or disabled members receiving benefits .....	<u>17</u>
6. Number of retired members on deferred pension rolls .....	<u>-</u>

**BOND REPORT**

7. Is the Secretary of the Relief Association bonded?

- ☒ Yes      ☐ No

Amount of bond      \$ 5,000

8. Is the Treasurer of the Relief Association bonded? (Required)

- ☒ Yes      ☐ No

Amount of bond      \$ 25,000

**NOTE:** No treasurer of a relief association governed by sections 69.77 (career or paid) shall enter upon his duties until he has given the association a bond in a reasonable amount acceptable to the municipality for faithful discharge of his duties.

No treasurer of a relief association governed by sections 69.771 to 69.776 shall enter upon the duties of the office until the treasurer has given the association a faithful performance bond in the amount equal to ten percent of the assets of the relief association; however, the bond need not exceed \$500,000.

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# Firefighters Relief Association Reporting Form

## Year Ended December 31, 1990

### BYLAWS REPORT

TYPE AND AMOUNT OF OTHER BENEFITS		AMOUNT (enter N/A if not applicable)
1. Sick:	<input type="checkbox"/> Lump Sum <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Year of Service	1 \$ <u>N/A</u>
2. Disability:	<input type="checkbox"/> Lump Sum <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Year of Service	2 \$ <u>50% of salary</u>
3. Funeral:	<input type="checkbox"/> Lump Sum <input type="checkbox"/> Year of Service <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	3 \$ <u>N/A</u>
4. Accident and Health Insurance (Volunteer Firemans Benefit Association or other) .....		4 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE PENSION</b>		
5. Minimum Retirement Age .....		5 <u>50</u>
6. Minimum Years as an Active Member of Fire Department .....		6 <u>20</u>
7. Minimum Years as an Active Member of Relief Association .....		7 <u>20</u>
<b>COMPLETE SECTION WHICH APPLIES</b> (Lump Sum, Monthly Annuity, or Defined Contribution)		
<b>LUMP SUM PENSION BENEFITS (or lump sum paid in installments)</b>		
<b>Requirements for full vesting</b>		
8. Number of Years of Service .....		8 _____
9. Amount per Year of Service .....		9 \$ _____
10. Do Bylaws Provide for Early Vesting? .....		10 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (check one)
<b>Benefit payable for each year of service</b>		
11. \$1.00 or more but less than \$50.00 .....		11 _____
12. \$50.00 or more but less than \$100.00 .....		12 _____
13. \$100.00 or more but less than \$200.00 .....		13 _____
14. \$200.00 or more but less than \$300.00 .....		14 _____
15. \$300.00 or more but less than \$600.00 .....		15 _____
16. \$600.00 or more but less than \$1,000.00 .....		16 _____
17. \$1,000.00 or more but less than \$2,000.00 .....		17 _____
18. \$2,000.00 or more .....		18 _____
<b>MONTHLY ANNUITY PENSION BENEFIT</b>		
19. Date of Most Recent Actuarial Valuation .....		19 <u>Dec, 1990</u>
20. Date Filed with State Auditor * .....		20 <u>June, 1991</u>
<b>Requirements for full vesting</b>		
21. Number of Years of Service .....		21 <u>20</u>
22. Amount per Month per Year of Service <u>(1) 50% of salary after 20</u> .....		22 \$ <u>(1)</u>
23. Do Bylaws Provide for Early Vesting? <u>years of service</u> .....		23 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (check one)
<b>Benefit payable for each month of service</b>		
24. Less than \$2.00 <u>(2) 1% of final salary after 20 years</u> .....		24 <u>N/A Amount</u>
25. \$2.00 or more but less than \$4.00 <u>and an additional 1/2% of base</u> .....		25 <u>based on %</u>
26. \$4.00 or more <u>pay per year over 25 years</u> .....		26 <u>of salary</u>
27. Benefits after 20 years (amount per month of service) .....		27 \$ <u>(2)</u>
<b>DEFINED CONTRIBUTION (split-the-pie)</b>		
28. Please submit a schedule of total assets accrued to each member's account and current year's calculation. Attach schedule.		28 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**NOTE:** \*All relief associations associated with a volunteer fire department and paying a monthly annuity must submit an actuarial survey every four years by July 1 of the year following the date of which the survey is prepared to the parties listed below. All relief associations associated with a salaried (career) fire department must submit an actuarial survey annually by July 1 to the parties listed below.

- a) State Auditor
- b) Your Municipality

- c) Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement
- d) Legislative Reference Library

If your relief association bylaws provide lump sum benefits, information for questions 7, 10 and 11 may be obtained by completing Schedules I, II, and III. If your bylaws provide monthly annuity benefits, refer to your most recent actuarial survey. If your bylaws provide defined contribution benefits (split-the-pie), complete questions 1-9.

## FINANCIAL CONDITION

## SPECIAL FUND

## GENERAL FUND

December 31, 1990

### ASSETS

		AMOUNT (Omit Cents)		AMOUNT (Omit Cents)
1. Cash .....	1	21,614	1	
2. Investments .....	2	4,865,353	2	
3. Accrued Interest Receivable .....	3	51,176	3	
4. Other Receivables .....	4		4	
5. TOTAL ASSETS .....	5	4,938,143	5	

### LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

6. Payables .....	6	3,010	6	
7. Required Reserves (Accrued Liability — Sch. 1, line B, filed by Aug. 1, 1990) .....	7	8,922,480	7	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
8. Surplus or (Unfunded Accrued Liability)/Fund Balance .....	8	( 3,987,347)	8	
9. Funding Ratio (line 5 — line 6 ÷ line 7) .....	9	55.3%	9	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
10. Normal Cost — 1990 (Sch. 1, line C, filed by August 1, 1989) ....	10	173,438	10	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
11. Required Contribution to Amortize Unfunded Accrued Liability ...	11	127,300	11	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

12. CASH & INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1989	12	4,580,157	12	
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### REVENUES 1990

### AMOUNT

### AMOUNT

13. State Fire Aid .....	13	76,214	13	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
14. City Contributions .....	14	239,089	14	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
15. Members' Salary Deductions or Contributions .....	15	43,818	15	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
16. Members' Dues .....	16		16	
17. Interest Earned .....	17	278,575	17	
18. Dividends ..... * Increase in acc. int. rec. ....	18	14,891	18	
19. Transfers In ... (2145) - Loss on investments .....	19		19	
20. Other (Identify) (52032) .....	20	*( 54,177)	20	
21. TOTAL REVENUES (lines 13 through 20) .....	21	598,410	21	

### EXPENSES/EXPENDITURES 1990

### AMOUNT

### AMOUNT

SERVICE PENSIONS		Number				
22. Retired (Number and Amount) (List names & amounts below) ...	13	22	209,103	*	22	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
23. Survivors—Spouses and Children (Number and Amount) .....	5	23	46,429		23	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
24. Permanent Disability (Number and Amount) .....		24			24	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
OTHER BENEFITS						
25. Sick or Temporary Disability (Number and Amount) .....		25			25	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
26. Death and Funeral (Number and Amount) .....		26			26	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES						
27. Salaries .....		27	1,200		27	
28. Conventions and Meetings .....		28			28	
29. Dues .....		29			29	
30. Actuarial Valuation and Audit .....		30	3,728		30	
31. Faithful Performance Bond .....		31	175		31	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
32. Other (Identify) ... Inv. Mgmt. fee .....	30473	32	30,965		32	
OTHER						
Other admin exp	492					
33. Transfers Out .....		33	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		33	
34. Other (Identify) .....		34			34	
35. TOTAL EXPENSES/EXPENDITURES (lines 22 through 34) .....		35	291,600		35	

36. CASH AND INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1990 (line 12 + line 21 - line 35) .....	36	4,886,967	36	
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37. Was the Certification of Special Fund Financial Requirements for 1991 (Schedules I, II, III) certified to your municipal governing body (for municipal fire department) or fire department (for independent nonprofit firefighting corporation) by August 1, 1990, in accordance with appropriate general law or special law? ☐ Yes ☐ No Please attach a copy of Schedules I, II, III to this report.

\* Pensions Paid in 1990

Names

Amount Paid

Schedule attached

\$ 209,103

\$

\$

ALBERT LEA FIREFIGHTERS RELIEF ASSOCIATION  
STATE REPORTING FORM SCHEDULES  
December 31, 1990

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PENSIONS PAID IN 1990

A. BIEDERMAN	\$ 17,145
R. DAHL	20,710
G. DOTY	20,996
D. DUDLEY	17,138
K. FRANTUM	14,741
E. GRINOLDS	31,071
P. HAGEN	17,957
J. HANSON	19,002
R. HAUKOOS	16,417
R. PETERSON	15,997
J. SPARK	17,689
C. THROLSON	<u>240</u>
TOTAL	\$ 209,103 =====



**Firefighters Relief Association Reporting Form**  
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**INVESTMENT REPORT**

PURCHASE DATE	INTEREST RATE (CURRENT)	INSTRUMENT NUMBER	NUMBER OF SHARES	TYPE OF INVESTMENT	NAME OF INVESTMENT	AMOUNT 12-31-90
1 (A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	Short Term Inv Fund	\$ 235,978
2 (A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	U.S.Govts & Agencies	\$ 1,592,953
3 (A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	Corporate Bonds	\$ 198,102
4 (A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	Managed Bond Fund	\$ 237,561
5 (A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	Corporate Stock	\$ 661,441
6 (B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	St. of MN Trust Income	\$ 733,920
7 (B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	St. of MN Guaranteed Return Account	\$ 1,205,398
8						\$
9						\$
10						\$
11						\$
12	(A)	These investments are included in Trust				\$
13		Account 1-30684-00-4 at Norwest Bank, Minneapolis				\$ MN
14						\$
15	(B)	These investments are included in Minnesota States				\$
16		Board of Investments Trust Account				\$
17						\$
18						\$
19						\$
20					TOTAL	\$ 4,865,353

Explanation of column headings:

Purchase Date	The date the purchase was made
Interest Rate	The current interest rate (if applicable)
Instrument Number	The identifying number of the investment certificate
Number of Shares	For common and preferred stock investments/for bonds and CD's use face value
Type of Investment	Certificate of deposit, common stock, bond, etc.
Name of Investment	Such as U.S. Treasury, or the name of the company in which stock was purchased
Amount	The purchase price including commissions, fees and any other applicable costs incurred when buying the investment. Include reinvested interest.

**CERTIFICATION BY SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF RELIEF ASSOCIATION  
AND MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENT OR INDEPENDENT NONPROFIT FIREFIGHTING CORPORATION**

We certify that to the best of our knowledge and belief, the facts presented in this report are true and correct.

William A. Stuebs

Signature of Secretary of Relief Association

(507) 377-4340

Business Phone

June 25-1991

Dated

John Eisterhuus

Signature of Treasurer of Relief Association

(507) 377-4340

Business Phone

June 25-1991

Dated

Sandi Behrens

Signature of Municipal Clerk OR  
if Independent Nonprofit Firefighting Corporation  
the Municipal Clerk of largest municipality  
in population contracting with  
Independent Nonprofit Firefighting Corporation

(507) 377-4320

Business Phone

June 25, 1991

Dated

( )

Signature of Secretary of Independent Nonprofit  
Firefighting Corporation (if applicable)

Business Phone

Dated

**CERTIFICATION BY INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 69.051 subdivision 1a(b), we have examined the preceding statements of revenues, expenditure/expenses and fund balances of the Special Fund and the General Fund (page 3) and hereby certify that this is the financial condition of the Special Fund and the General Fund except as noted below:

Larry D. Trampel

PRINT NAME OF AUDITOR/ACCOUNTANT

Bertram Cooper & Co.

PRINT NAME OF FIRM

115 N Newton Albert Lea MN 56007

PRINT ADDRESS OF FIRM

Larry D. Trampel

SIGNATURE OF AUDITOR/ACCOUNTANT

(507) 373-7432

PHONE NUMBER

6-25-91

DATED

1. If an audit or a financial statement is available, please submit it along with this report.
2. Are the additional required schedules attached?