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Updated Disability Handbook

MPERS is pleased to announce the release of our newly revised, *interactive* <u>Disability</u> <u>Handbook</u>! Please take a few minutes to visit our website and review all of the updates and changes. As always, if you have any questions about the new handbook, or disability in general, please feel free to contact us!

2015 Legislative Update

The 2015 Legislative Session ended Friday, May 15. No bills were passed affecting MPERS' retirement benefits.

The Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement (JCPER) maintains a tracking sheet of all retirement-related bills. For your convenience, here is a link to the tracking sheet so you can see what was introduced and how it progressed - http://www.jcper.org/leqsheet.pdf

MPERS Fund Reaches \$2 Billion

Recently MPERS' trust fund topped \$2 billion dollars. While there is nothing significant or magical about that number by itself, at MPERS it represents a milestone we have been anticipating for some time now. It represents progress. It demonstrates success as an institutional investor. Most importantly, it continues the advancement toward our ultimate objective—being a fully funded pension plan.

Pre-Retirement Seminars for June

June 18th – Jefferson City June 19th – Jefferson City

Contact Info for Washington National (Patrol Only)

Attached is a letter we received from Washington National (previously Conseco), providing updated contact information. If you work with this Life Insurance, please update your contact information accordingly.





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Missouri State Highway Patrol Retirement Payroll PO Box 1930 Jefferson City, MO 65102

To whom it may concern,

Missouri State Highway Patrol has long enjoyed a business relationship with our company and we value that business beyond measure.

In order to offer you the best service possible, we are very pleased to announce that effective immediately your contacts for Washington National Insurance Company are Ms. Lindsay Bazalaki and Ms. Jamie Geragosian.

Lindsay and Jamie are our District Managers with responsibility for the great state of Missouri and they look forward to meeting and working together with you to ensure that your employee policyholders are well cared for.

Lindsay or Jamie will be reaching out to you in the near future to arrange a time to speak or meet. In the meantime should you have any questions or immediate needs please feel free to contact Lindsay at (402) 304-2856 or via email at lindsay.bazalaki@pmagent.net and Jamie at (618) 979-0886 or via email at jamie.geragosian@pmagent.net and either will be happy to assist.

We are proud to count Missouri State Highway Patrol as one of our partners and look forward to our continued strong relationship.

Thanks again for your continued commitment to Washington National Insurance Company.

Sincerely,

Linda S. Teets

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Vice President