

# **Delaware State Police Pension Plan**

Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2017

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January 29, 2018

Board of Pension Trustees State of Delaware McArdle Building 860 Silver Lake Boulevard, Suite 1 Dover, Delaware 19904

Dear Members of the Board:

At your request, we have conducted the annual actuarial valuation of the Delaware State Police Pension Plan (Plan) as of June 30, 2017. The results of this valuation are contained in this report. The purpose of the valuation is discussed in the Foreword.

This report contains information on plan assets and liabilities, as well as analyses combining asset and liability performance and projections. It also discloses State contribution levels and required disclosures under the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 67.

In completing the valuation and preparing our report, we relied on information, some oral and some written, supplied by staff of the Office of Pensions. This information includes, but is not limited to, the plan provisions, employee data, and financial information. We performed an informal examination of the obvious characteristics of the data for reasonableness and consistency in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 23.

The contribution results of this report are only applicable to the State contribution for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 and rely on future plan experience conforming to the underlying assumptions. Future experience may differ significantly from the current experience due to such factors as the following: program experience differing from that anticipated by the assumptions; changes in assumptions; and changes in program provisions or applicable law.

To the best of our knowledge, this report and its contents have been prepared in accordance with generally recognized and accepted actuarial principles and practices that are consistent with the Code of Professional Conduct and applicable Actuarial Standards of Practice set out by the Actuarial Standards Board, including the use of assumptions and methods for funding purposes that comply with the Actuarial Standards of Practice. Furthermore, as credentialed actuaries, we meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the opinion contained in this report. This report does not address any contractual or legal issues. We are not attorneys, and our firm does not provide any legal services or advice.

This report was prepared for the Delaware State Police Pension Plan for the purposes described herein and for the use by the Plan's auditor in completing an audit related to the matters herein. Other users of this valuation report are not intended users as defined in the Actuarial Standards of Practice, and Cheiron assumes no duty or liability to any other user.

Sincerely, Cheiron

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#### **FOREWORD**

Cheiron has performed the annual actuarial valuation of the Delaware State Police Pension Plan (Plan) as of June 30, 2017. The purpose of this report is to:

- 1) Measure and disclose, as of the valuation date, the financial condition of the Plan,
- 2) Indicate trends in the financial condition of the Plan,
- 3) Determine the contribution rate to be paid by the State for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, and
- 4) **Provide** accounting statement information.

An actuarial valuation establishes and analyzes plan assets and liabilities on a consistent basis and traces the progress of both from one year to the next. It includes measurement of the plan's investment performance as well as an analysis of liability gains and losses.

**Section I** presents a summary containing our findings and disclosing important trends experienced by the Plan in recent years.

**Section II** contains details on various asset measures, together with pertinent performance measurements.

**Section III** shows similar information on liabilities, measured for actuarial, accounting, and governmental reporting purposes.

**Section IV** presents the FY 2019 actuarially determined contribution.

**Section V** includes required disclosures under Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 67 and items recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

The appendices to this report contain a summary of the Plan's membership at the valuation date, a summary of the major provisions of the Plan, and a summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in the valuation.

The actuarial assumptions reflect our understanding of the likely future experience of the Plan, and the assumptions individually and as a whole represent our best estimate for the future experience of the Plan. The results of this report rely on future plan experience conforming to the underlying assumptions and methods outlined in this report. To the extent that the actual plan experience deviates from the underlying assumptions and methods, or there are any changes in plan provisions, the true cost of the Plan would vary from our results.



### SECTION I – BOARD SUMMARY

## **General Comments**

The actuarially determined contribution (ADC) rate increased from 21.17% for FY 2018 to 24.23% for FY 2019.

During the year ended June 30, 2017, the Plan's assets earned 11.0% on a market value basis. However, due to the Plan's asset smoothing method, which recognizes portions of investment gains and losses over time, the return on an actuarial value basis was 6.6%. This return was less than the assumed investment rate of return of 7.2% for last year, resulting in an actuarial loss on investments of \$2.3 million.

The Plan experienced an actuarial loss on plan liabilities resulting from continuing actives receiving larger pay increases than expected this year. This liability loss increased the actuarial liability by \$2.1 million. This type of gain or loss is normal in the course of plan experience, as we cannot predict exactly how people will behave. In addition to the actuarial loss, the Plan's liabilities also increased by \$12.1 million due to a reduction in the assumed investment rate of return.

This valuation report also contains information to be reported in the June 30, 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the Delaware Public Employees' Retirement System (Delaware PERS) under GASB Statement No. 67, as well as additional disclosure information recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The GASB disclosures are based on the use of updated procedures to roll forward the 2016 Actuarial Valuation liability results. The calculation of net pension liability in Section V is shown as disclosed for the plan year ending June 30, 2017, based on the 2016 funding actuarial valuation liability results, updated to reflect the reduction in the assumed investment rate of return. We also present a projection of the June 30, 2018 disclosure in Section V, assuming all actuarial assumptions are met over the coming year, which is based on the 2017 funding actuarial valuation liability results.

As of the June 30, 2017 funding actuarial valuation, the Plan's unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) was \$59.6 million. This is an increase from the \$41.9 million UAL in the funding valuation for the prior year.

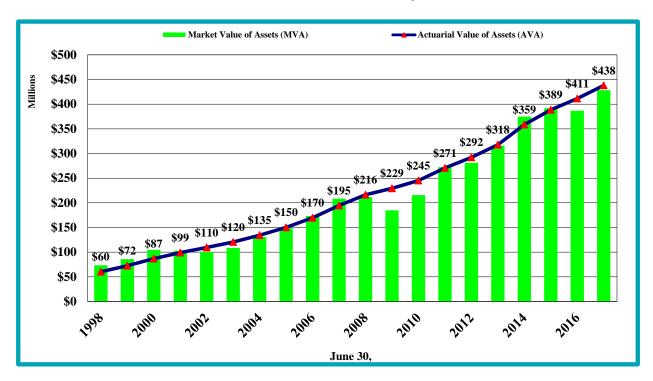


### **SECTION I – BOARD SUMMARY**

# **Trends**

### Asset Returns

The graph below shows measurements of the Plan's assets over the last 20 years based on both market values and actuarial values. The green bars represent the market value measurements, while the blue line shows the actuarial value measurements. The black numbers are the actuarial value of asset measurements as of the valuation date for each year in millions of dollars.



The market value of assets (MVA) returned 11.0% over the last year. The determination of the Plan's actuarial value of assets (AVA) for the current year reflects a portion of the return above the 7.2% assumed for the prior year, and continued recognition of prior years' gains and losses, and thus returned 6.6% over FY 2017.

Over the period July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2017, the Plan's assets measured using actuarial value of assets measurements returned a compound 8.0%, compared to the current valuation assumption of 7.0%. On a market value of asset basis, the Plan returned 6.8% over the same period.



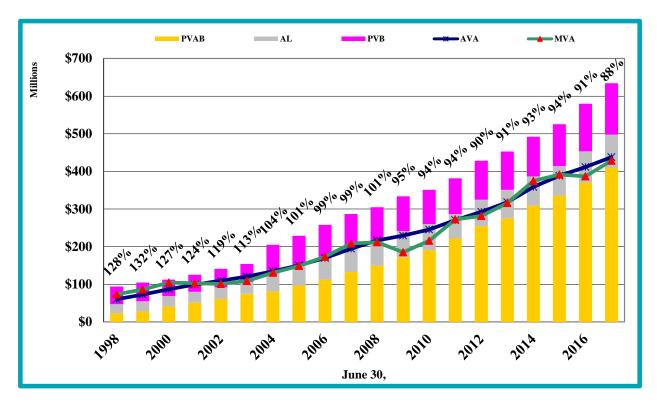
### SECTION I – BOARD SUMMARY

#### Assets and Liabilities

The three colored bars below represent the three different measures of liability discussed in this report. The first measure is given by the yellow bars, the present value of accrued benefits (PVAB). The PVAB values represent the value of all benefits earned by current members through the valuation date. These values do not reflect any future additional service or salary increases for current members beyond the valuation date.

The second liability measure is the one currently used for the Plan's funding target, the actuarial liability (AL). These target amounts are represented by the top of the gray bars. This measurement is also the basis of the liability measure used in GASB 67. The funded ratios reported by the Plan are the percentages shown above the bars and are developed by comparing these target measurements of liability to the actuarial value of assets at each valuation date.

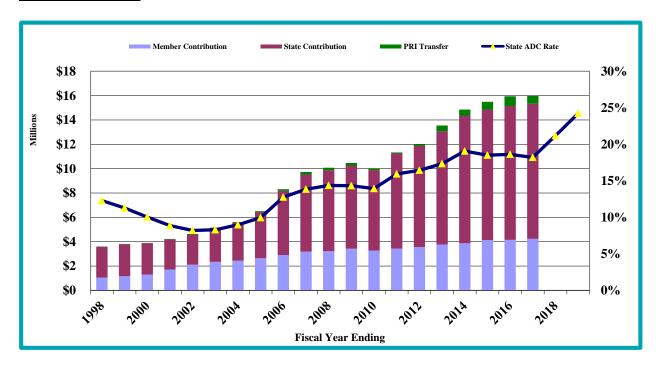
The amount represented by the top of the pink bars, the present value of future benefits (PVB), is the amount needed to provide all benefits for the current members and their beneficiaries, including reflection of assumed future service and pay increases. If the Plan had assets equal to the PVB as of a certain date, no additional contributions would, in theory, be needed to pay the benefits of the current members if all assumptions were exactly met from that point forward.





# SECTION I – BOARD SUMMARY

### **Contribution Rates**



The stacked bars in the graph above show the dollar amounts of the contributions made by the State, the Post-Retirement Increase Fund (PRI), and the members for each fiscal year and are read using the left-hand scale. The blue line shows the State ADC rate for each fiscal year as a percentage of payroll (right-hand scale).

The member contribution rate is set by State law, based on the Plan in which the member participates. The State contribution rate is set by the actuarial process, while the PRI transfer amounts depend on the increases granted by the State Legislature. Please note that there is a lag in the State contribution rates shown. For example, the value shown for the FY 2017 is the rate prepared by the June 30, 2015 valuation and implemented for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

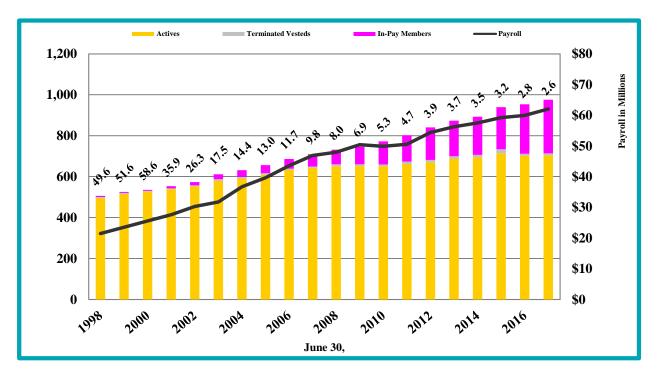


### **SECTION I – BOARD SUMMARY**

# Participant Trends

The bars below show the number of members as of each valuation date, divided between active members, terminated vested members, and retirees/beneficiaries. These bars are read using the left-hand scale. As with most maturing plans, this plan continues to show growth in the number of inactive members. The numbers that appear above each bar represent the ratio of active members to inactive members (retirees, beneficiaries, and terminated vested members) at each valuation date. This active-to-inactive ratio has decreased from 49.6 actives to each inactive in 1998 to 2.6 actives for each inactive in 2017. The rapid decline is simply due to the fact that this was a new plan in the 1990's and did not yet have many retirees.

The black line shows the covered payroll for the Plan as of each valuation date and is read using the right-hand scale.

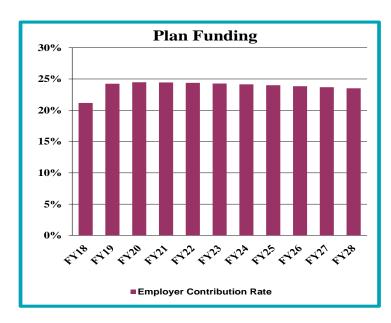




### **SECTION I – BOARD SUMMARY**

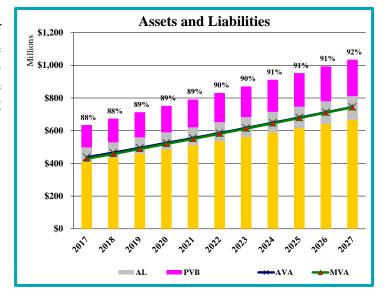
# **Future Outlook**

# **Baseline Projections**



These graphs show the expected progress of the Plan over the next 10 years, assuming the Plan's assets earn 7.0% on a *market value* basis and assuming all other assumptions are exactly met, including that the actuarially determined contribution (ADC) amounts are made in full. The chart entitled "Plan Funding" shows a decrease in the State ADC rate from 24.2% in FY 2019, determined by the current valuation, to 23.5% at the end of this period.

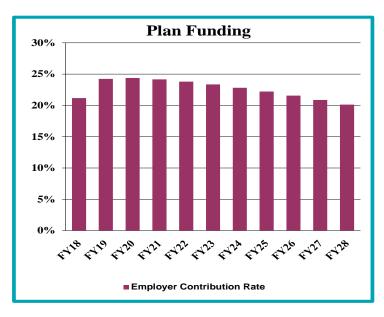
The "Assets and Liabilities" graph shows the projected funded ratios of the Plan over the next 10 years. The Plan's funded status is projected to increase from 88% to 92% over the 10-year projection period, assuming all assumptions are exactly met.





### SECTION I – BOARD SUMMARY

Projections with Asset Returns of 8.0%

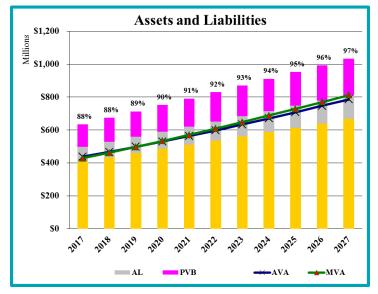


The Plan's investment earnings will affect the future funding status of the Plan. The two graphs on this page show what the next 10 years would be expected to look like if the Plan's investment performance is 8.0% each year, 1.0% higher than the valuation investment rate of return assumption.

These two graphs assume all other assumptions are exactly met, including State contributions made equal to the full actuarially determined amounts.

The "Plan Funding" graph shows that under this scenario the State ADC rate would decrease immediately after the FY 2019 rate determined by this valuation, as the investment gains offset any stored investment losses recognized by the asset smoothing method. The rate declines to 20.1% of payroll at the end of the 10-year projection period.

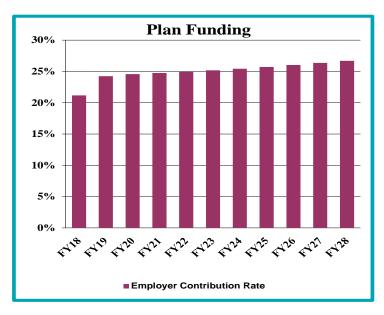
The "Assets and Liabilities" graph shows that under this scenario the Plan would reach a 97% funded ratio by 2027, an improvement over the baseline scenario's ultimate ratio of 92%.





### SECTION I – BOARD SUMMARY

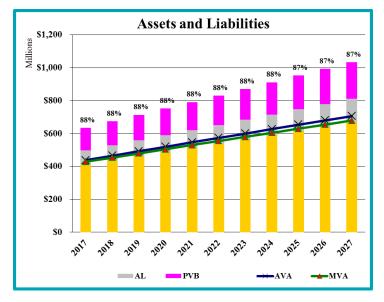
Projections with Asset Returns of 6.0%



The graphs on this page show projections of the Plan's funding status and contributions assuming that the Plan's investment performance is 6.0% each year of the projection, 1.0% lower than the valuation investment rate of return assumption.

Note that these projections assume all other assumptions are exactly met, including payment of State contributions made equal to the full actuarially determined contribution.

Under this scenario, the State's ADC rate increases to approximately 26.7% of payroll by the end the 10-year period, compared to the 23.5% ultimate rate in the baseline projection. Additionally, the funded ratio is projected to drop in this scenario, declining to 87% at the end of the 10-year period, which is lower than the 92% ultimate ratio in the baseline projection.





# **SECTION I – BOARD SUMMARY**

Summar	Table I-1 y of Principal Plan Resu	ulte	
Valuation as of:	y of Frincipal Flan Rest	uits	% Change
	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017	G
Member Counts			
Active Members	703	705	0.28%
Disabled Members	23	24	4.35%
Retirees and Beneficiaries	219	238	8.68%
Terminated Vested Members	9	9	0.00%
Terminated Non-Vested Members	3	0	(100.00%)
Total Member Counts	957	976	1.99%
Covered Payroll of Active Members*	\$ 59,980,000	\$ 62,082,500	3.51%
Annual Benefit Payments for Retirees,			
Disabled Members, and Beneficiaries	\$ 15,963,600	\$ 17,422,700	9.14%
Assets and Liabilities			
Actuarial Liability (AL)	\$ 453,393,300	\$ 497,535,000	9.74%
Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA)	411,481,400	437,916,500	6.42%
Unfunded AL (UAL)	\$ 41,911,900	\$ 59,618,500	42.25%
Funded Ratio on AVA Basis (AVA/AL)	90.8%	88.0%	
Funded Ratio on MVA Bases (MVA/AL)	85.3%	86.1%	
Present Value of Accrued Benefits (PVAB)	\$ 370,325,600	\$ 408,864,900	10.41%
Market Value of Assets (MVA)	386,803,700	428,563,900	10.80%
Unfunded PVAB	\$ (16,478,100)	\$ (19,699,000)	(19.55%)
Accrued Benefit Funded Ratio		, , , ,	, , ,
(MVA/PVAB)	104.4%	104.8%	
State Contribution Rate	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2019	
Entry Age Normal Cost	15.79%	16.89%	
UAL Amortization Payment	5.23%	7.19%	
Administrative Expense	0.15%	0.15%	
Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC)	21.17%	24.23%	

<sup>\*</sup> Assumes one year of payroll increase projection, so represents payroll beginning on each valuation date.



### **SECTION II – ASSETS**

Pension plan assets play a key role in the financial operation of the Plan and in the decisions that the Board of Trustees may make with respect to future deployment of those assets. The level of assets, the allocation of assets among asset classes, and the methodology used to measure assets will likely affect benefit levels, State actuarially determined contributions, and the ultimate security of members' benefits.

In this section, we present detailed information on the Plan's assets including:

- **Disclosure** of the Plan's assets at June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017,
- Statement of the **changes** in market values during FY 2017,
- Development of the actuarial value of assets,
- An assessment of investment performance, and
- A projection of the Plan's expected **cash flows** for the next 10 years.

# **Market Value of Assets Disclosure**

The market values of assets represent "snap-shot" or "cash-out" values that provide the principal basis for measuring financial performance from one year to the next. However, market values can fluctuate widely with swings in the marketplace, and as such, are usually not suitable for budgeting and long-range planning.

Table II-1 below shows the market values as of June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017, along with the changes between the two.

Table Changes in Marke	of Assets	
Market Value of Assets – June 30, 2016		\$ 386,803,700
Additions		
Member Contributions	\$ 4,232,800	
State Contributions	11,096,200	
PRI Transfers	648,900	
Other	-	
Investment Returns	 42,584,000	
Total Additions	\$ 58,561,900	
Deductions		
Benefit Payments	\$ 16,713,700	
Administrative Expenses	88,000	
Total Deductions	\$ 16,801,700	
Market Value of Assets – June 30, 2017		\$ 428,563,900



# **SECTION II – ASSETS**

# **Actuarial Value of Assets**

The actuarial value of assets represents a "smoothed" value developed by the actuary to reduce, or eliminate, erratic results that could develop from short-term fluctuations in the market value of assets. The actuarial value for this plan equals the expected actuarial value of assets, developed from the immediately prior valuation, plus 20% of the difference between the actual market value of assets and that expected actuarial value of assets at the valuation date. The table below illustrates the calculation of the actuarial value of assets as of June 30, 2017.

	Table II-2 Development of Actuarial Value of Assets	
1.	Actuarial Value of Assets at June 30, 2016	\$ 411,481,400
2.	Amount in (1) with interest to June 30, 2017 at 7.2% per year	441,108,100
3.	State, PRI, and member contributions for FY 2017	15,977,900
4.	Interest on contributions assuming payments made uniformly throughout the year to June 30, 2017 at 7.2% per year	575,200
5.	Disbursements from Trust except investment expenses, July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017	16,801,700
6.	Interest on disbursements to June 30, 2017 at 7.2% per year	 604,900
7.	Expected Actuarial Value of Assets at June 30, 2017 $= (2) + (3) + (4) - (5) - (6)$	\$ 440,254,600
8.	Actual Market Value of Assets at June 30, 2017	\$ 428,563,900
9.	Excess of (8) over (7)	\$ (11,690,700)
10.	Actuarial Value of Assets at June 30, 2017 = (7) + 20% of (9)	\$ 437,916,500



### **SECTION II - ASSETS**

# **Investment Performance**

The market value of assets (MVA) returned 11.0% during 2017, which is more than the prior year's assumed 7.2% investment rate of return. The actuarial value of assets (AVA) returned 6.6% over this same year, reflecting the asset smoothing method being utilized by the Plan for the measurement of the actuarial value of assets. Since a maximum of 20% of the gain or loss from the performance of the Plan is typically recognized in a given year under the asset smoothing method, in periods of very good performance, the AVA can lag significantly behind the MVA, and in a period of negative returns, the AVA does not decline as rapidly as the MVA.

# **Projection of Cash Flows**

Year Beginning July 1,	Table II-3 Cash Flow Projections Expected Benefit Payments	Expected Contributions*
2017	\$ 18,654,000	\$ 17,694,000
2018	21,090,000	20,085,000
2019	23,716,000	20,370,000
2020	26,119,000	20,879,000
2021	28,254,000	21,401,000
2022	30,351,000	21,936,000
2023	32,580,000	22,485,000
2024	34,911,000	23,047,000
2025	37,495,000	23,623,000
2026	40,124,000	24,213,000

<sup>\*</sup> Expected contributions include State contributions, member contributions, and PRI transfers. For illustration purposes, we have assumed the State contribution rate will remain level and that payroll will increase at the actuarially assumed rate of 2.50% per year.

Expected benefit payments are projected for the closed group valued at June 30, 2017. Projecting any further than 10 years using a closed-group would not yield reliable predictions due to the omission of new hires in the benefit payments, compounded by their inclusion in the expected contributions.



### **SECTION III – LIABILITIES**

In this section, we present detailed information on the Plan's liabilities for funding purposes, including:

- **Disclosure** of the Plan's liabilities at June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017, and
- Statement of **changes** in these liabilities during the year.

# **Disclosure**

Three liability measurements are calculated and presented in this report. Each type is distinguished by the purpose, or purposes, for which they are used.

- **Present Value of Benefits (PVB):** Used for analyzing the financial outlook of plans, this represents the amount of money needed today to fund all future benefits and expenses of a plan, assuming current members continue to accrue benefits and there are no new entrants, and that all actuarial assumptions are met.
- Actuarial Liability (AL): Used for funding calculations for a plan and GASB disclosures, this liability is calculated by taking the present value of benefits (PVB) and subtracting the present value of future member contributions (PVFEEC) and the present value of future State normal costs (PVFNC) under an acceptable actuarial funding method. The Plan uses the Entry Age Normal funding method.
- Present Value of Accrued Benefits (PVAB): Used for communicating the current level of liabilities, this liability represents the total amount of money needed today to fund the current accrued obligations of a plan, assuming no future accruals of benefits or salary increases. These liabilities are also required for some accounting purposes of some plans (Topic No. 960). This plan is not subject to this requirement, but this information is provided for informational purposes, as it is sometimes used as part of assessing whether a plan can meet its current benefit commitments. However, it is not intended as a settlement liability value. Note that the development of this amount also assumes that all actuarial assumptions are met, including the assets earning 7.0% per year.

None of the liability amounts disclosed in this report is appropriate for measuring a settlement of the Plan's liabilities.

The following table discloses each of these liabilities for the current and immediately prior funding valuations. With respect to each disclosure, a subtraction of an appropriate value of Plan assets yields, for each respective type, either a net surplus or an unfunded amount.



# SECTION III – LIABILITIES

Tabl	le III-1			
Liabilities and Net (Sur	plus)/U	<b>Unfunded Amounts</b>		
· ·		une 30, 2016	J	une 30, 2017
Present Value of Benefits		,		,
Active Member Benefits	\$	386,308,500	\$	419,746,300
Retiree, Beneficiary, Disabled, and Terminated		, ,		, ,
Members Benefits		193,683,300		214,637,300
Present Value of Benefits (PVB)	\$	579,991,800	\$	634,383,600
Market Value of Assets (MVA)	\$	386,803,700	\$	428,563,900
Future Member Contributions	Ψ	38,866,700	Ψ	40,073,900
Future State Contributions & PRI Fund Transfers		154,321,400		165,745,800
Total Resources	\$	579,991,800	\$	634,383,600
Actuarial Liability				
Present Value of Benefits (PVB)	\$	579,991,800	\$	634,383,600
Present Value of Future State Normal Costs	Ψ	377,771,000	Ψ	03 1,303,000
(PVFNC)		87,731,800		96,774,700
Present Value of Future Member Contributions		07,731,000		70,771,700
(PVFEEC)		38,866,700		40,073,900
Actuarial Liability (AL=PVB-PVFNC-		00,000,700		. 0,0 / 0,5 0 0
PVFEEC)	\$	453,393,300	\$	497,535,000
Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA)	4	411,481,400	4	437,916,500
Net (Surplus)/Unfunded AL (AL – AVA)	\$	41,911,900	\$	59,618,500
Present Value of Accrued Benefits				
Present Value of Benefits (PVB)	\$	579,991,800	\$	634,383,600
Present Value of Future Benefit Accruals	Ψ	- , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Ψ	.,,.
(PVFBA)		209,666,200		225,518,700
Present Value of Accrued Benefits				
(PVAB=PVB-PVFBA)	\$	370,325,600	\$	408,864,900
Market Value of Assets (MVA)	\$	386,803,700	\$	428,563,900
Net (Surplus)/Unfunded PVAB (PVAB –				
MVA)	\$	(16,478,100)	\$	(19,699,000)



### **SECTION III – LIABILITIES**

# **Changes in Liabilities**

Each of the liabilities disclosed in the prior table are expected to change at each valuation. The components of that change, depending upon which liability is analyzed, can include:

- New entrants since the last valuation
- Benefits accrued since the last valuation
- Plan amendments increasing benefits
- Passage of time which adds interest to the prior liability
- Benefits paid to retirees since the last valuation
- Participants retiring, terminating, or dying at rates different than expected
- A change in actuarial assumptions
- A change in actuarial methods

Unfunded liabilities (or surpluses), developed from subtraction of an appropriate value of plan assets from these liability measures, will change because of all of the above as well as due to changes in plan asset measures resulting from:

- State contributions different than expected
- Investment earnings different than expected
- A change in the method used to measure plan assets

In each valuation, we report on those elements of change that are of particular significance, potentially affecting the long-term financial outlook of the Plan. Below we present key changes in liabilities since the last valuation.

	Table III-2 Liability Chang	es	
(In Thousands)	Present Value of Benefits	Actuarial Liability	Present Value of Accrued Benefits
Liabilities June 30, 2016	\$ 579,992	\$ 453,393	\$ 370,326
Liabilities June 30, 2017	634,384	497,535	408,865
Liability Increase/(Decrease)	54,392	44,142	38,539
Change Due to:			
PRI	0	0	0
Actuarial (Gain)/Loss	NC*	2,055	NC*
Benefit Changes	0	0	0
Assumption Changes	20,270	12,092	13,064
Benefits Accumulated and			
Other (Gain)/Loss	34,122	29,995	25,475

\* NC = not calculated



# **SECTION III – LIABILITIES**

Table III-3 below provides additional information about the liability measurements for funding purposes as of both the current and the immediately prior valuations.

Table III-3 Actuarial Liabilities for Funding				
	Jı	ıne 30, 2016	Jı	ıne 30, 2017
<ol> <li>Actuarial Liabilities</li> </ol>				
Retiree, Beneficiary, Disabled, and Term	ninated			
Members	\$	193,683,300	\$	214,637,300
Active Members		259,710,000		282,897,700
Total Actuarial Liability (AL)	\$	453,393,300	\$	497,535,000
2. Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA)	\$	411,481,400	\$	437,916,500
3. Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL) [AI	L-AVA] \$	41,911,900	\$	59,618,500
4. Present Value of Outstanding PRI Trans	fers \$	987,100	\$	466,800
5. Net Base for 20-Year UAL Amortizati	on (3-4) \$	40,924,800	\$	59,151,700



### **SECTION IV – CONTRIBUTIONS**

In the process of evaluating the financial condition of any pension plan, the actuary analyzes the assets and liabilities to determine what level, if any, of contributions are needed to properly maintain the funding status of the plan. Typically, the actuarial process will use a funding technique that will result in a pattern of contributions that are both fairly stable and predictable.

For this plan, the funding method employed is the **Entry Age Normal** actuarial funding method. Under this method, there are three components to the total contribution: the **normal cost contribution**, the **unfunded actuarial liability contribution** (UAL contribution), and the **administrative expense contribution**.

The State normal cost contribution rate is determined in the following steps. First, for each active member, an individual total normal cost rate is determined by taking the value, as of entry age into the Plan, of that member's projected future benefits and dividing it by the value, also at entry age, of the member's expected future salary. Then, this individual total normal cost rate is reduced by the member's contribution rate to produce the State normal cost rate for each member. This State normal cost rate times payroll for each active member equals the State normal cost. The sum of the State normal cost amounts for all active members is then divided by the covered payroll for all active members to produce the State normal cost contribution rate.

The actuarial liability is that portion of the present value of projected benefits that will not be paid by future State normal cost contributions or future member contributions. The difference between this liability and the funds accumulated as of the same date is referred to as the unfunded actuarial liability (UAL).

The UAL amortization payment rate is calculated by amortizing this UAL, after subtracting the present value of scheduled PRI transfers as well, over an open 20-year period. All payments are determined assuming total pay increases by the current annual inflation assumption of 2.50%.

The current assumed administrative expense rate is 0.15% of payroll. This rate, when applied to payroll, is intended to provide an allowance above the cost of funding the benefits to pay for the expense of operating the Plan.

The table below presents and compares the State contribution rates for the Plan based on this funding valuation and the immediately prior one.

Table IV-1 State Contribution Rate						
Valuation Date June 30, 2016 June 30, 2017						
FY Contribution Rate Payable	FY 2018	FY 2019				
State Entry Age Normal Cost Rate	15.79%	16.89%				
UAL Amortization Payment Rate	5.23%	7.19%				
Administrative Expense Rate	0.15%	0.15%				
Actuarially Determined Contributions	21.17%	24.23%				



# **SECTION IV – CONTRIBUTIONS**

Table IV-2 below provides additional detail about the development of the State contribution rate as well as the expected dollar amounts these rates will result in for FY 2019.

	Table IV-2 Expected FY 2019 State Contributions		
1.	Present Value of Projected Benefits Attributable to:	In Dollars	As % of Payroll
	<ul> <li>a. Total Normal Cost</li> <li>b. Expected Member Contributions</li> <li>c. State Normal Cost (a) – (b)</li> </ul>	\$ 14,831,400 <u>4,345,700</u> \$ 10,485,700	23.89% <u>7.00%</u> 16.89%
2.	Amortization of Unfunded Liability	4,463,200	7.19%
3.	Allowance for Administrative Expense	93,100	0.15%
4.	Total State Actuarially Determined Contributions $(1) + (2) + (3)$	\$ 15,042,000	24.23%



# SECTION V - ACCOUNTING STATEMENT INFORMATION

ASC Topic No. 960 of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) requires plans subject to it to disclose certain information regarding their funded status. This plan is not subject to this requirement, but this information is provided for informational purposes. Statement No. 67 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) establishes standards for disclosure of pension information by public employee retirement systems (PERS) and governmental employers in notes to financial statements and supplementary information.

Disclosures based on FASB ASC Topic No. 960 provide a quasi "snap shot" view of how the Plan's assets compare to its liabilities if contributions stopped and accrued benefit claims had to be satisfied. However, due to potential legal requirements and the possibility that alternative interest rates would have to be used to determine the liabilities, these values may not be a good indication of the amount of money it would take to buy the benefits for all members if the Plan were to terminate and should not be considered a settlement value.

FASB ASC Topic No. 960 specifies that a comparison of the present value of accrued (accumulated) benefits, with the market value of the assets as of the valuation date, must be provided. Again, this plan is not subject to this requirement, but the relevant amounts as of June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017 are provided for informational purposes and are exhibited in Table V-1, which also includes a reconciliation of liabilities determined as of the prior valuation, July 1, 2016, to the liabilities as of June 30, 2017. These values are based on the funding liability results.

This valuation contains information reported in the June 30, 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of Delaware PERS under GASB Statement No. 67. Disclosures are based on the use of updated procedures to roll forward the 2016 funding valuation results. The calculation of Net Pension Liability in Table V-2 shows the amounts to be disclosed for FY 2017, based on the roll forward of the 2016 funding valuation, as well as a projection of the anticipated FY 2018 disclosures, based on liabilities from the 2017 funding valuation, assuming all actuarial assumptions are met over the coming year. The actual disclosures for FY 2018 will be developed once the asset measure for GASB as of June 30, 2018 is known.

Tables V-3 through V-5 are exhibits to be used for the State's CAFR. Table V-3 is the Note to Required Supplementary Information, Table V-4 is a history of gains and losses in accrued liability, and Table V-5 is the Solvency Test, which shows the portion of accrued liability covered by the actuarial value of assets. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has named this exhibit the Solvency Test. None of the liabilities or assets shown are appropriate for settlement purposes. Furthermore, the Solvency Test does not accurately depict a plan's future financial condition but rather is a test developed by the GFOA to assess the level of funding that relies on the payroll for future hires to pay for the benefits that have already been accrued by the current population. This valuation does not contain the additional disclosures required by GASB Statement No. 68 only for the State's CAFR.



# SECTION V – ACCOUNTING STATEMENT INFORMATION

Table V-1 Accounting Statement Disclosure and Reconciliation of Present Value of Accrued Benefits			
FASB ASC Topic No. 960 Basis  1. Present Value of Accrued Benefits (PVAB)	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017	
<ul><li>a. Members Currently Receiving Payments</li><li>b. Former Vested Members</li><li>c. Active Members</li></ul>	\$ 193,065,400 617,900 <u>176,642,300</u>	\$ 213,938,100 699,200 <u>194,227,600</u>	
2. Total PVAB $[1(a) + 1(b) + 1(c)]$	\$ 370,325,600	\$ 408,864,900	
3. Market Value of Assets (MVA)	386,803,700	<u>428,563,900</u>	
4. Unfunded PVAB [2 – 3]	\$ (16,478,100)	\$ (19,699,000)	
5. Ratio of MVA to PVAB [3 / 2]	104.4%	104.8%	
Reconciliation of PVAB			
PVAB at June 30, 2016		\$ 370,325,600	
Increase/(Decrease) During Year Attributable to:			
Passage of Time		26,061,800	
Benefits Paid – FY 2017		(16,713,700)	
Benefit Changes Assumption Changes		0 13,064,000	
PRI		13,004,000	
Benefits Accrued, Other Gains/Losses		<u>16,127,200</u>	
Net Increase/(Decrease)		38,539,300	
PVAB at June 30, 2017		\$ 408,864,900	



# SECTION V – ACCOUNTING STATEMENT INFORMATION

Tal GASB No.	ble V-2				
GASD No.		ne 30, 2017	Estimated June 30, 2018		
Total Pension Liability (TPL)	4	42 (54 000	•		
Service cost	\$	13,671,000	\$	14,831,000	
Interest		33,037,000		35,224,000	
Changes in benefit terms		0		0	
Differences between expected and actual		0.657.000		2 055 000	
experience		8,657,000		2,055,000	
Changes in assumptions		12,092,000		0	
Benefit payments, including refunds of		(16.714.000)		(10.654.000)	
member contributions	φ.	(16,714,000)	ф.	(18,654,000)	
Net change in TPL	\$	50,743,000	\$	33,456,000	
TPL - beginning	\$	444,737,000	\$	495,480,000	
TPL - ending (a)	\$	495,480,000	\$	528,936,000	
DI THE WAR (TND)					
Plan Fiduciary Net Position (FNP)	\$	11.006.000	ф	12 142 000	
Contributions - Employer	\$	11,096,000	\$	13,143,000	
Contributions - Non-employer Contributions - Member		649,000		280,000	
		4,233,000		4,346,000	
Net investment income		42,584,000		29,966,000	
Benefit payments, including refunds of		(16.714.000)		(10.654.000)	
member contributions		(16,714,000)		(18,654,000)	
Administrative expenses	ф.	(88,000)	ф.	(93,000)	
Net change in FNP	\$	41,760,000	\$	28,988,000	
FNP - beginning	\$	386,804,000	\$	428,564,000	
FNP - ending (b)	\$	428,564,000	<b>\$</b>	457,552,000	
Plan Net Pension Liability/(Asset) - ending [(a)-(b)]	\$	66,917,000	\$	71,384,000	

Items printed in red will be replaced with actual amounts once known at the end of FY 2018.



# SECTION V - ACCOUNTING STATEMENT INFORMATION

# Table V-3 Analysis of Financial Experience

# Gain and Loss in Accrued Liability During Years Ended June 30 Resulting from Differences Between Assumed Experience and Actual Experience

Gain (or Loss) for Year ending June 30, (expressed in thousands) **Type of Activity** 2012 2013 2014 2016 2017 2015 Investment Income on Actuarial Assets \$ \$ 5,759 (6,169)\$ (2,738)(461)783 (2,338)Combined Liability Experience (12,064)4,887 3,520 2,539 (8,657)(2.055)(Loss)/Gain During Year from Financial Experience (14,802)4,426 9,279 3,322 (14,826)(4,393)Non-Recurring Items (803)(3,664)(1,154)(2,199)(12,092)(5,164)Composite Gain (or Loss) During Year (15,605)(16,485)762 4,115 2,168 (17.025)

Table V-4 Solvency Test Aggregate Accrued Liabilities for							
Valuation Date	Active Member	Retirees &	in thousands) Active Member State-Financed	Actuarial Value of		ion of Accr Liabilities	
June 30,	Contributions (1)	Beneficiaries (2)	Contributions (3)	Reported Assets	Covered (1)	by Reporte (2)	ed Assets (3)
2017	\$ 59,849	\$ 213,938	\$ 223,748	\$ 437,917	100%	100%	73%
2016	56,169	193,065	204,159	411,481	100	100	79
2015	53,739	153,510	206,783	388,587	100	100	88
2014	53,289	132,801	200,434	358,663	100	100	86
2013	49,201	117,660	184,024	317,814	100	100	82
2012	45,534	105,829	173,535	292,262	100	100	81



# APPENDIX A – MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

	Delaware State Police Pension Plan Data Reconciliation								
	A	P-TDV	P-SUPP	P-RET	P-NSR	P-SR	P-SRSU	P-SURV	Total
1. June 30, 2016 valuation	703	9	0	214	6	17	2	3	954
2. Additions									
(a) New entrants	23			2					25
(b) New Beneficiary/QDRO								2	2
(c) Total	23			2				2	27
3. Reductions									
(a) Terminated - not vested	(4)								(4)
(b) Paid Out/Expired/Death				(1)					(1)
(c) Total	(4)			(1)					(5)
4. Changes in status									
(a) P-TDV									
(b) P-SUPP		(1)	1						
(c) Returned to work									
(d) P-RET	(16)			16					
(e) PRET25									
(f) P-DIS									
(g) P-LTD									
(h) P-SURV									
(i) PSUR25									
(j) P-SR	(1)					1			
(k) Data corrections			***************************************						
(l) Total	(17)	(1)	1	16		1			
5. June 30, 2017 valuation	705	8	1	231	6	18	2	5	976

A=Active, P-TDV=Terminated Deferred Vested, P-SUPP=Terminated Deferred Vested, P-RET=Retired, P-NSR=Disabled, P-SR=Disabled, P-SRSU=Surviving Beneficiary, P-SURV=Surviving Beneficiary

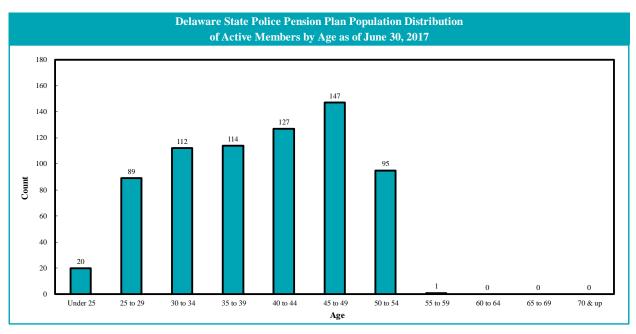


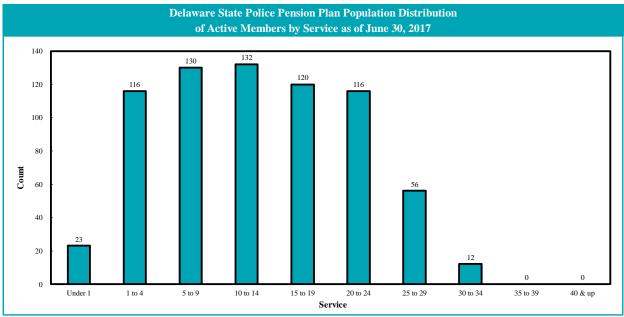
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	Delaware State Police Pension Plan Population Distribution of Active Members by Age and Service as of June 30, 2017										
				(	Counts By A	Age/Service	e				
					Ser	vice					
Age	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 & up	Total
Under 25	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
25 to 29	11	59	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89
30 to 34	2	29	65	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	112
35 to 39	0	14	28	61	11	0	0	0	0	0	114
40 to 44	0	4	15	37	56	15	0	0	0	0	127
45 to 49	0	0	3	14	42	78	10	0	0	0	147
50 to 54	0	0	0	4	11	23	45	12	0	0	95
55 to 59	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
60 to 64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 & up	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	23	116	130	132	120	116	56	12	0	0	705



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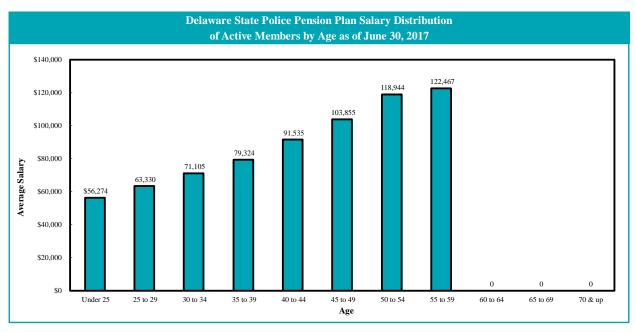


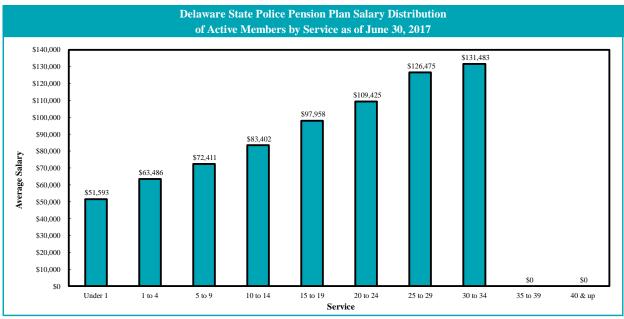
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#### **Delaware State Police Pension Plan Salary Distribution** of Active Members by Age and Service as of June 30, 2017 Average Salary by Age/Service Service Under 1 1 to 4 5 to 9 10 to 14 15 to 19 20 to 24 25 to 29 30 to 34 35 to 39 40 & up Total Age \$ 49,801 \$ 62,746 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 56,274 Under 25 25 to 29 0 63,330 52,895 63,065 70,193 0 0 0 0 0 0 30 to 34 53,388 64,069 79,913 0 0 0 0 0 0 71,105 72,622 35 to 39 64,574 82,574 0 0 0 79,324 73,325 95,346 0 0 0 85,626 108,968 0 91,535 40 to 44 0 63,523 72,328 97,915 0 0 0 45 to 49 0 0 73,788 84,512 98,301 108,845 124,367 0 0 0 103,855 50 to 54 0 0 85,543 111,692 127,033 131.483 0 0 118,944 0 99,482 55 to 59 0 0 0 0 0 0 122,467 0 0 0 122,467 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 60 to 64 0 65 to 69 0 70 & up 0 \$ \$ 51,593 \$ 63,486 \$ 72,411 \$ 83,402 \$ 97,958 \$ 109,425 \$ 126,475 \$ 131,483 \$ 0 \$ 88,060 Total



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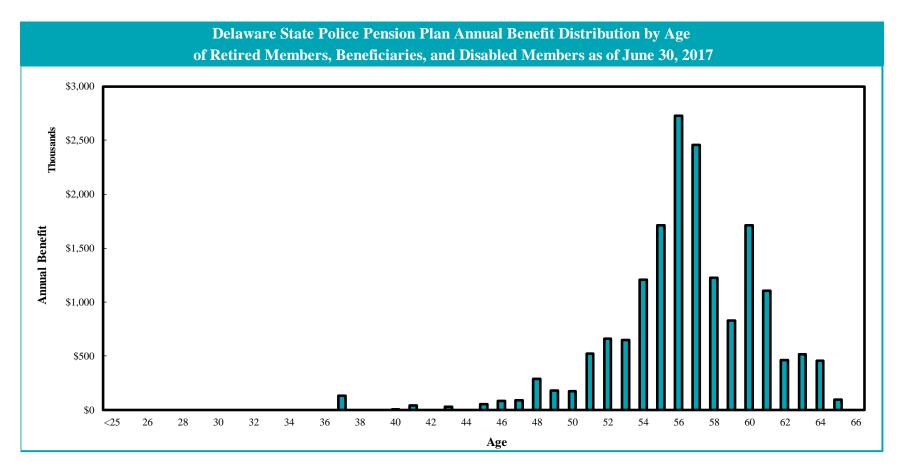
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# Delaware State Police Pension Plan Annual Benefit Distribution by Age of Retired Members, Survivors, and Disabled Members as of June 30, 2017

Age	Count	<b>Annual Benefit</b>	Age	Count	<b>Annual Benefit</b>
<25	0	\$0	73	0	\$0
25	0	\$0	74	0	\$0
26	0	\$0	75	0	\$0
27	0	\$0	76	0	\$0
28	0	\$0	77	0	\$0
29	0	\$0	78	0	\$0
30	0	\$0	79	0	\$0
31	0	\$0	80	0	\$0
32	0	\$0	81	0	\$0
33	0	\$0	82	0	\$0
34	0	\$0	83	0	\$0
35	0	\$0	84	0	\$0
36	0	\$0	85	0	\$0
37	2	\$130,101	86	0	\$0
38	0	\$0	87	0	\$0
39	0	\$0	88	0	\$0
40	1	\$6,364	89	0	\$0
41	1	\$41,258	90	0	\$0
42	0	\$0	91	0	\$0
43	1	\$28,480	92	0	\$0
44	0	\$0	93	0	\$0
45	1	\$50,482	94	0	\$0
46	2	\$83,712	95	0	\$0
47	2	\$87,961	96	0	\$0
48	5	\$286,229	97	0	\$0
49	5	\$179,865	98	0	\$0
50	3	\$173,746	99	0	\$0
51	8	\$518,347	100	0	\$0
52	10	\$661,004	101	0	\$0
53	9	\$648,462	102	0	\$0
54	16	\$1,204,721	103	0	\$0
55	24	\$1,711,752	104	0	\$0
56	39	\$2,729,469	105	0	\$0
57	28	\$2,459,491	106	0	\$0
58	16	\$1,223,546	107	0	\$0
59	17	\$825,428	108	0	\$0
60	22	\$1,708,640	109	0	\$0
61	17	\$1,104,527	110	0	\$0
62	9	\$460,453	111	0	\$0
63	11	\$514,322	112	0	\$0
64	9	\$454,816	113	0	\$0
65	2	\$92,497	114	0	\$0
66	0	\$0	115	0	\$0
67	2	\$37,014	116	0	\$0
68	0	\$0	117	0	\$0
69	0	\$0	118	0	\$0
70	0	\$0	119	0	\$0
71	0	\$0	120	0	\$0
72	0	\$0			
			Totals	262	\$17,422,687



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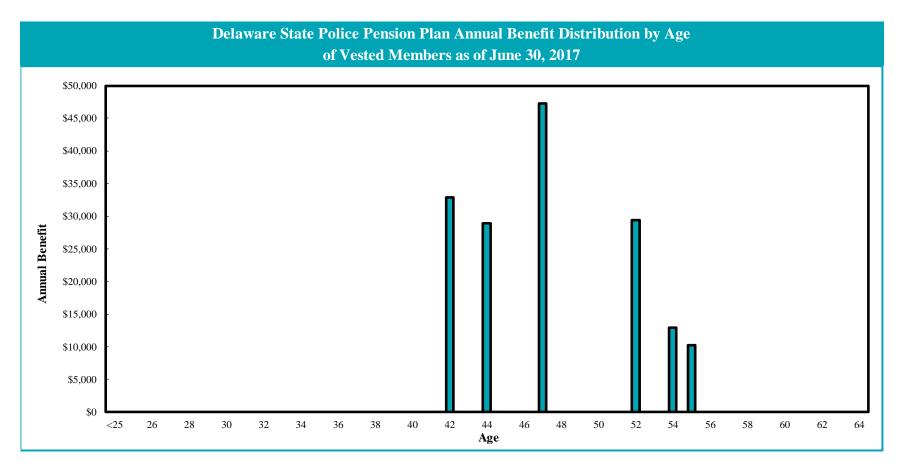
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# Delaware State Police Pension Plan Annual Benefit Distribution by Age of Vested Members as of June 30, 2017

Age		Annual Benefit	Age	Count	Annual Benefit
<25	0	\$0	73	0	\$0
25	0	\$0	74	0	\$0
26	0	\$0	75	0	\$0
27	0	\$0	76	0	\$0
28	0	\$0	77	0	\$0
29	0	\$0	78	0	\$0
30	0	\$0	79	0	\$0
31	0	\$0	80	0	\$0
32	0	\$0	81	0	\$0
33	0	\$0	82	0	\$0
34	0	\$0	83	0	\$0
35	0	\$0	84	0	\$0
36	0	\$0	85	0	\$0
37	0	\$0	86	0	\$0
38	0	\$0	87	0	\$0
39	0	\$0	88	0	\$0
40	0	\$0	89	0	\$0
41	0	\$0	90	0	\$0
42	1	\$32,846	91	0	\$0
43	0	\$0	92	0	\$0
44	1	\$28,869	93	0	\$0
45	0	\$0	94	0	\$0
46	0	\$0	95	0	\$0
47	2	\$47,241	96	0	\$0
48	0	\$0	97	0	\$0
49	0	\$0	98	0	\$0
50	0	\$0	99	0	\$0
51	0	\$0	100	0	\$0
52	3	\$29,369	101	0	\$0
53	0	\$0	102	0	\$0
54	1	\$12,915	103	0	\$0
55	1	\$10,223	104	0	\$0
56	0	\$0	105	0	\$0
57	0	\$0	106	0	\$0
58	0	\$0	107	0	\$0
59	0	\$0	108	0	\$0
60	0	\$0	109	0	\$0
61	0	\$0	110	0	\$0
62	0	\$0	111	0	\$0
63	0	\$0	112	0	\$0
64	0	\$0	113	0	\$0
65	0	\$0	114	0	\$0
66	0	\$0	115	0	\$0
67	0	\$0	116	0	\$0
68	0	\$0	117	0	\$0
69	0	\$0	118	0	\$0
70	0	\$0	119	0	\$0
71	0	\$0	120	0	\$0
72	0	\$0	Totals	9	\$161,464



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### APPENDIX B – ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS

# A. Long-Term Assumptions Used to Determine Plan Costs and Liabilities

# 1. Demographic Assumptions

# a. Rates of Mortality

Mortality rates are based on the sex-distinct employee, healthy annuitant, and disabled annuitant mortality tables described below, including adjustment factors applied to the published tables for each group. Future mortality improvements are reflected by applying a custom projection scale on a generational basis to adjusted base tables from the base year shown below.

# i. Sample Rates of Mortality for Active Healthy Lives at Selected Ages (number of deaths per 10,000 members):

(2017 Values Shown)				
Age	Male	Female		
25	5	2		
30	5	2		
35	5	3		
40	7	4		
45	10	6		
50	18	11		
55	30	17		
60	50	25		
65	89	37		
70	151	63		
75	258	109		
80	436	188		

Rates are based on 110% and 100% of the RP-2014 Total Dataset Employee Mortality Table, respectively, for males and females, using the RP-2014 Total Dataset Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table rates after the end of the Employee Mortality Table, both projected from the 2006 base rates using the RPEC-2015 model, with an ultimate rate of 0.85% for ages 20-85, grading down to an ultimate rate of 0% for ages 115-120, and convergence to the ultimate rate in the year 2020. The valuation uses fully generational projection of mortality improvements. Sample rates shown are those projected through the valuation date.



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ii. Sample Rates of Mortality for Healthy Annuitant Lives at Selected Ages (number of deaths per 10,000 members):

(2017 Values Shown)				
Age	Male	Female		
50	43	27		
55	62	36		
60	83	52		
65	118	80		
70	183	129		
75	299	211		
80	503	357		
85	877	633		
90	1,545	1,131		
95	2,439	1,862		
100	3,491	2,789		

Rates are based on 110% and 100% of the RP-2014 Total Dataset Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, respectively, for males and females, using the RP-2014 Total Dataset Employee Mortality Table for ages prior to start of the Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, both projected from the 2006 base rates using the RPEC-2015 model, with an ultimate rate of 0.85% for ages 20-85, grading down to an ultimate rate of 0% for ages 115-120, and convergence to the ultimate rate in the year 2020. The valuation uses fully generational projection of mortality improvements. Sample rates shown are those projected through the valuation date.



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# iii. Sample Rates of Mortality for Disabled Annuitant Lives at Selected Ages (number of deaths per 10,000 members):

(2017 Values Shown)				
Age	Male	Female		
25	92	27		
30	88	35		
35	104	48		
40	125	67		
45	194	104		
50	237	137		
55	273	173		
60	311	205		
65	372	249		
70	481	339		
75	659	497		
80	940	750		
85	1,399	1,135		
90	2,145	1,681		
95	3,009	2,445		
100	3,963	3,437		

Rates are based on 120% of the RP-2014 Total Dataset Disabled Annuitant Mortality Table, projected from the 2006 base rates using the RPEC-2015 model, with an ultimate rate of 0.85% for ages 20-85, grading down to an ultimate rate of 0% for ages 115-120, and convergence to the ultimate rate in the year 2020. The valuation uses fully generational projection of mortality improvements. Sample rates shown are those projected through the valuation date.



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# b. Rates of Active Disability

Rates of Active Disability			
Age	Current		
20	0.0522%		
25	0.0522		
30	0.1831		
35	0.2694		
40	0.3821		
45	0.4643		
50	0.6214		
55	0.8579		
60	1.0699		

No disabilities are assumed with 20 or more years of service.

1/3 of disabilities are assumed partial disability and 2/3 are assumed total disability. 1/3 of disabilities are assumed duty-related and 2/3 are assumed non-duty related.

# c. Termination of Employment (Prior to Normal Retirement Eligibility)

Service-based table applies until eligibility for retirement is reached.

Termination			
Service	Rate		
0	5.00%		
1	4.00		
2-9	1.50		
Ultimate	0.50		

# d. Retirement

Normal Retirement			
Service	Rate		
<10	0%		
10-19	5		
20	10		
21-25	5		
26-29	20		
30-34	50		
35+	100		

Rates only applied once eligibility for retirement is reached.



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# e. Salary Increase

Service-based tables include an annual inflation rate of 2.50%.

Service	Increase
0	11.48%
1	9.48
2	7.49
3	5.99
4	5.74
5	5.74
6	5.49
7	5.24
8	5.00
9	4.75
10+	4.50

# f. Family Composition

Female spouses are assumed to be three years younger than males. 80% are assumed married for both male and female employees.

# 2. Economic Assumptions

a.	Investment Rate of Return:	7.00%
b.	General Wage Increase Rate:	2.50%
c.	Annual Assumed Cost-of-Living	
	Increase Rate for Retirees:	0.00%
d.	Total Payroll Increase Rate	
	(for Amortization):	2.50%
e.	Administrative Expenses as a	
	Percentage of Covered Payroll:	0.15%

# 3. Rationale for Assumptions

The assumptions were adopted by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the actuary, based on an experience study review performed in 2016 and covering the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015. The Board continually reviews the investment rate of return assumption and adopted a reduced rate of 7.0% at the advice of its investment consultants, first effective for funding with the 2017 valuation.

# 4. Changes since Last Valuation

The investment rate of return was reduced from 7.2% to 7.0%.



### APPENDIX B – ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS

# **B.** Actuarial Methods

# 1. Funding Method

The Entry Age Normal funding method is used to determine costs. Under this funding method, a normal cost rate is determined as a level percent of pay for each active member. The normal cost rate times payroll equals the normal cost for each active member. The normal cost plus member contributions will pay for projected benefits at retirement for each active plan participant.

The actuarial liability is that portion of the present value of projected benefits that will not be paid by future State normal costs or member contributions. The difference between this liability and funds accumulated as of the same date is referred to as the unfunded actuarial liability.

The portion of the actuarial liability in excess of plan assets is amortized to develop an additional cost or savings that is added to each year's State normal cost. Under this cost method, actuarial gains and losses are directly reflected in the size of the unfunded actuarial liability.

The portion of unfunded liability not expected to be paid through PRI transfers is amortized over a rolling 20-year period as a percentage of payroll. PRI transfers are made to pay for each PRI as granted over a five-year period. These transfers are treated as a receivable for purposes of developing the State rate. All payments are determined assuming total payroll increases by the annual inflation rate. Use of a rolling amortization period means that the UAL amount is never anticipated to be fully paid off. This method was chosen to provide for a more level contribution rate over time.

### 2. Actuarial Value of Assets

For purposes of determining the State contribution rate to the Plan, we use an actuarial value of assets. This asset smoothing method dampens the volatility in asset values that could occur because of fluctuations in market conditions. Use of an asset smoothing method is consistent with the long-term nature of the actuarial valuation process.

The actuarial value of assets is a weighted average giving 20% weight to the current market value and 80% weight to the prior year's actuarial value increased by expected interest and contributions and decreased by benefit payments and expenses. This is mathematically equivalent to recognizing 100% of the actuarially assumed interest rate, plus contributions, less payments each year, and 20% of the portion of each year's returns that have not already been reflected in asset values.

# 3. Changes Since Last Valuation

None



### APPENDIX C – SUMMARY OF PLAN PROVISIONS

This appendix provides a summary of the Plan provisions. Where the Plan, as determined by the State Code and the Plan Rules and Regulations, and this summary differ, the Plan governs.

# 1. Membership

The Plan covers full-time State Police Officers first hired on or after July 1, 1980.

# 2. Member Contributions

7% of compensation

Interest is credited at the rate of 5% per year.

Member contributions are made through an "employer pick-up" arrangement, which results in deferral of taxes on the contributions.

### 3. Credited Service

All service as a member plus certain claimed and purchased service

# 4. Final Average Compensation

Final average compensation (FAC) is the average of any 36 months comprised of three periods of 12 consecutive months (or shorter period of total service) of compensation paid to the member, including salary, wages and fees, plus overtime payments and special payments for extra duty. Overtime payments are excluded for Post-2011 hires.

### 5. Normal Retirement

Eligibility: (i) Must be employed at 55 with 10 years of credited service, or (ii) any age

with 20 years of credited service, or (iii) 10 years of credited service when age

plus service equals 75

Benefit: 2.5% of final average compensation multiplied by years of service up to a

maximum of 20 years, plus 3.5% of final average compensation multiplied by

years of service in excess of 20 years

# 6. Duty-Connected Disability Benefit

Eligibility: Disabled in the performance of his or her duties

Benefit: If member is totally disabled: 75% of salary at the time disability commences

plus 10% for each eligible dependent not to exceed 100%



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Eligibility: If member is partially disabled: the normal retirement benefit based on credited

service at date of disability, but is not less than 50% of salary at the time

disability commences

# 7. Ordinary Disability

Eligibility: Five years of credited service

Benefit: If member is totally disabled: the normal retirement benefit based on credited

service at date of disability, but is not less than 50% of the salary at the time of

disability plus 5% for each eligible dependent to a maximum of 70%

If member is partially disabled: the normal retirement benefit based on credited service at the date of disability, but is not less than 30% of salary at the time of

disability

# 8. Survivor's Benefit

Eligibility: Death while active or death after retirement

Benefit: For eligible survivors of employees who die in the line of duty: 75% of salary,

payable to the primary survivor

For eligible survivors of pensioners who die: the greater of 50% of the member's pension at the time of death or whichever alternative option elected

by the deceased retired member

Eligible survivors include: (1) widow or widower, or (2) child or children under 18, or between 18 and 22 and attending school on a full-time basis, or over 18 and permanently disabled before 18, or (3) dependent parent or parents. If there are no eligible survivors, accumulated contributions with interest over aggregate

pension payments made are payable to the beneficiary.

# 9. Burial Benefit

\$7,000 lump sum

# 10.Vesting

Eligibility: 10 years of credited service.

Benefit: Normal retirement benefit, payable at age 62, based on final average

compensation and credited service at date of termination. In lieu of a pension, a member may receive a refund of accumulated contributions with interest. Upon



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application for a refund of contributions, a member's vested right to a monthly benefit shall be forfeited.

# 11.Withdrawal

Eligibility: Terminates service and is not eligible for other benefits

Benefit: Accumulated employee contributions with interest

# 12.Form of Payment

The normal form of payment is a 50% joint and survivor annuity.

As an alternative to the normal form, a member may elect one of the following optional forms of payment upon service retirement or disability:

- 66 2/3% joint and survivor form with a 2% reduction in benefits,
- 75% joint and survivor form with a 3% reduction in benefits, or
- 100% joint and survivor form with a 6% reduction in benefits.

The 66 2/3% and 100% options are only available for retirement on or after January 1, 2015.

# 13.Cost-of-Living Adjustment

Cost-of-living adjustments are made only on an ad hoc basis.

# **14.**Changes Since Last Valuation

None





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