**Dear Police and Fire Pension Member:**

Enclosed is your 2015 pension statement, a retirement benefit estimate, and a Summary Annual Report. The pension statement shows your account's activity and your primary and secondary beneficiaries. If no beneficiary is listed and you are married, per Lincoln Municipal Code, your spouse is automatically your primary beneficiary.

The enclosed benefit estimate assumes a 3% annual salary increase and a 7.5% annual return rate on assets. To help you in financial planning, customized benefit estimates for any future separation date are available at no charge.

The Summary Annual Report is a synopsis of the most recent Actuarial Valuation Report. The full report will be available online at: [http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/person/PFpen/actuaryrpt.htm](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/person/PFpen/actuaryrpt.htm)

Below are calendar year end figures on members and benefit payments.

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<td>Active Member Count</td>
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<td>Pensioned Member Count</td>
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**Deferred Retirement Option Plan**

DROP allows you to retire for pension purposes and continue working and earning pay. DROP members have monthly pension benefits deposited into their DROP account. To be eligible for DROP you must be eligible for normal age and service retirement. Plan A members are eligible to enter DROP anytime after attaining both age 50 and 25 years of service. Plan B and C members are eligible to enter DROP for one year after attaining both age 53 and 21 years of service. Plan B or C DROP members can also chose to deposit their contributions and interest into their DROP account. A DROP member chooses how to invest the money in his or her DROP account from a menu of choices. DROP members can monitor and make changes to their account using a secured site on the internet.

Once in DROP you may exit DROP and retire-in-fact any time, but after five years you must exit DROP and retire-in-fact. At that time your monthly pension benefit will be paid directly to you and you will have access to the money in your DROP account.

**Assets**

The return for 2015 was -2.0342%. Pension assets are diversified by location, size, growth vs. value, products and services, and income vs. capital appreciation. Below is a pie chart showing December 31, 2015 allocations.
Pension information, such as the Plan descriptions, DROP, Investment Board minutes and the Investment Policy, is on the City Internet site at http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/person/PFpen/. You can also view your individual pension data from: http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/person/pfpen/index.htm by selecting the “Member Inquiry Menu” You will use you City intranet User ID and password for access. To be able to view your data you will need to be entered in the pension security table.

**Please plan for your financial future.**

1. The 457 Deferred Compensation Plan is a program that allows you to save and invest for your retirement while deferring your taxes. In 2016 you may defer up to $18,000 of your income. If you are over age 50 you may contribute an additional $6,000. You may be eligible to participate in the “pre-retirement” catch-up provision allowing you to contribute up to $36,000 in total.

2. The City also offers a 529 College Savings Plan.

Please contact Bill Thoreson at 402-441-7883 or WThoreson@lincoln.ne.gov regarding the above two benefits.

Please contact Paul Lutomski at 402-441-8749 or PLutomski@lincoln.ne.gov regarding the Police and Fire Pension.

Respectfully,

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