

## **Message Regarding Your Pension Benefits**

Several of our members have expressed concern regarding the fiscal soundness of the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System ("OPPRS") as well as the security of their pension benefit in light of the current global financial crisis. The Board of Trustees of the OPPRS wants to reassure you that the OPPRS is stable and your pension benefits are secure despite the condition of the financial markets. The pension benefit obligations of the OPPRS are backed by the full faith and credit of the State of Oklahoma. The OPPRS is a defined benefit plan and, as such, your monthly pension benefit will not change in spite of the volatility of the financial markets.

Although your monthly pension benefit will not be affected by the financial market disruptions, the crisis has had an adverse affect on all of the public pension systems throughout not only Oklahoma but the entire nation. The OPPRS is on a solid financial footing. As of June 30, 2008, the funded ratio of the OPPRS was 82.2%. Further, according to information from the latest report from New England Pension Consultants of the Oklahoma State Pension Commission, the OPPRS was ranked in the top 7% of all public pension funds within their universe for investment returns. Although our funded status has understandably declined due to the financial market turmoil, the OPPRS is well diversified and will continue to make sound and financially prudent investment decisions for the benefit of the members and their beneficiaries.