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ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

There was recently an inquiry made to this office in regards to member pension contributions made while deployed on active military leave.

Ms. Trish Shoemaker of the State of Florida Division of Retirement made a ruling on the issue. Her interpretation is as follows: *"When a police officer or firefighter leaves to serve in the military and returns within one year of release (and is otherwise eligible under USERRA) that he/she receives up to five years of credited service without having to make any employee contributions. (See ss. 175.032(4)(d) & 185.02(5)(d), F. S.)."*

With this interpretation, the Board of Trustees took up the issue on April 25, 2003. The Board acknowledged the ruling and will authorize the refunds of pension contributions.

If you were on active military status, please give us a call so we may expedite your refund.

Any further questions may be directed to Dave Williams @ ext 4395.

Thank you!