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In Emotional Videos, Retired Dallas First Responders Speak of Personal Hardship and Anguish Over Deep Cuts and Elimination of Cost-of-Living Adjustments in their Pensions Due to Dallas City Hall's Failure to Honor Pension Commitments

Second Jobs, Second Mortgages, and Postponed Health Care Needs Now Routine for Many Retired Dallas Police Officers and Firefighters Due to Unresolved Dallas Police and Fire Pension System Crisis

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DALLAS, Texas (March 7, 2024)—Three retired Dallas police officers and one retired Dallas firefighter, who have seen their retirements jeopardized by deep cuts and elimination of cost-of-living adjustments caused by major funding shortfalls in the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System, have released videos highlighting their personal anguish.

Some of the first responders have had to take on second jobs, second mortgages, and postpone health care needs while the Dallas City Council struggles to find ways to address the \$3.5 billion in unfunded liabilities for the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System. The videos are hosted on the newly launched [DPROA YouTube channel](#) and may be downloaded by the media. Video files are also available by request.

“First responders deserve the full retirements benefits promised them and that they earned through their service and contributions” said David Elliston, President of the [Dallas Police Retired Officers Association](#). “We cannot allow the pension can to be kicked down the road any longer. We urge Dallas Citizens to join us in demanding the City Council fix the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System and protect those who have protected us.”

DPROA believes that a sound pension system benefits not only retired members, but active police and fire members as well. The Dallas Police Department continues to struggle to meet its recruitment goals and a pension system in peril does not instill confidence in prospective recruits. Add to the equation the city's history of failing to honor its commitments to its employees, and retaining the officers it does hire becomes even more difficult. A fully funded, reliable pension is in the best interest of all Dallas residents who expect and rely on these critical services and support systems.

More information on [how the pension system crisis is affecting retired Dallas police officers and firefighters](#) is available on the DPROA website.

ABOUT DPROA

The DPROA is a 501(c)3 formed to provide a support system for members of the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System. Our mission and purpose is to be a legitimate and proactive voice to protect and advocate for the retirement benefits and interests of retired Dallas Police Officers, their widows, survivors, disabled dependents, and family members. All board members are retirees and volunteers. We pay no salary to employees of our organization.