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District of Columbia Police Officers and Firefighters' Retirement Plan
Surviving Spouse Change of Status

Surviving Spouse _____

In accordance with D.C. Code §5-716(e)(1), to remain eligible to receive a surviving spouse benefit, you cannot remarry prior to age 55 (see back page).

Surviving Spouse Under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO) _____

In accordance with the District of Columbia Spouse Equity Act of 1988, D.C. Code §§1-529.01 et seq., to remain eligible to receive a surviving spouse benefit as a former spouse under a QDRO, you cannot remarry prior to age 55 (see back page).

Section I: Surviving/Former Spouse Information

Deceased Member's Full Name: _____

Surviving/Former Spouse's Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Primary Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Were you a party to a QDRO? [] Yes [] No

Section II: Marriage/Remarriage Information

Have you been remarried since the time of the member's death? [] Yes [] No

If you answered "Yes" above, what was the date of remarriage? _____
(Attach a copy of your Marriage Certificate.)

Section III: Oath of Affirmation

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information indicated above is true and correct. I understand that I am responsible for any repayment to the Plan of any benefit overpayment I receive resulting from my ineligibility to receive this annuity. I further understand that fines, penalties, and forfeitures may be imposed by Federal and District of Columbia laws for making false or fraudulent claims against the Federal government or District of Columbia or making false statements in connection therewith.

Signature of Surviving/Former Spouse: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Surviving/Former Spouse: _____



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Surviving Spouse

D.C. Code §5-716(e)(1)*:

“The annuity of the widow or widower under this section shall begin on the day after the date on which the member or former member dies, and such annuity or any right thereto shall terminate upon the survivor’s death or remarriage before age 55; provided, that any annuity terminated by remarriage may be restored if such remarriage is later terminated by death, annulment, or divorce.”

**Note: Age 55 applies to survivors who remarry effective May 1, 2013 and thereafter. For survivors who remarried prior to May 1, 2013, age 60 applies. The change from age 60 to 55, effective May 1, 2013, only applies to the portion of the survivor benefit which is based on the deceased member’s service performed after June 30, 1997. There is no comparable Federal law to cover survivor benefits based on service performed on or before June 30, 1997. See the “Equity in Survivor Benefits Amendment Act of 2012,” D.C. Law 19-301.*

Surviving Spouse Under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO)

District of Columbia Spouse Equity Act of 1988, D.C. Code §1-529.03(e)(2):

“Payment of a survivor annuity to a former spouse pursuant to a court order shall cease upon the remarriage of the former spouse if the remarriage occurs before age 55.”

NOTE: *The word “spouse” refers to both same and opposite-sex spouses, the words, “widow” and “widower” refer to both surviving same or opposite-sex spouses, the word “marriage” refers to both same and opposite-sex marriages, and the word “child” refers to children of both same and opposite-sex marriages. If there is a need to differentiate between same and opposite-sex spouses, and their marriages or child (ren), DCRB will do so explicitly.*