

Notice to Members Regarding Retirements and Pension Questions

SBWD law has been in touch with the F&P, who has helpfully provided the following guidance:

Service Retirements

1. F&P offices are closed for in-person appointments and walk ins. Members with an existing in person appointment should contact the F&P to schedule a phone appointment.
2. Members may still apply for a service retirement by calling the F&P offices at 410-497-7929. Option 1 Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. The F&P is continuing to answer phone calls and can set up a phone appointment to apply for service retirements. The F&P will complete the application over the phone and then send an electronic copy to you for signature and notarization and return to the F&P.
Note that all service retirements must be filed no less than 30 days and no more than 90 days before the effective date of retirement.
3. Applications must be notarized. Members may wish to ask their Districts/Commands if any officers or staff are notaries in order to maintain appropriate social distancing. Alternately, your bank may be open and able to notarize the forms for you. Members should be guided by all health official recommendations.

If you have concerns or difficulties getting an application notarized, please contact Kieran Dowdy, SBWD Law at 410-299-6695 to discuss your circumstances.

Disability Retirements

1. If you have a pending independent medical exam or have been notified of an IME, please contact Kieran Dowdy at SBWD Law to discuss your options. He can be reached at 410-299-6695.
2. If you receive any paperwork regarding a disability application from the F&P, please contact SBWD Law to discuss.
3. If you have a pending 90 day letter, the Department is currently considering options to address the 90 day deadline. We will update members as soon as we receive a response from the Department.

If you have a concern not already addressed, or if you have additional questions, members should contact Kieran Dowdy at SBWD Law at 410-299-6695.