

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WAS LEFT-OUT?

The LEOFF 2 Board recently learned there may be law enforcement officers and fire fighters who worked a career serving the public and did not receive a pension for this service. This issue occurred due to gaps in eligibility under LEOFF 1 and issues with communicating changes to a law that occurred in 1994.

Since these employees may have never been reported to Department of Retirement Systems (DRS), we need your help in locating them.

The LEOFF 2 Board worked with DRS to ensure any members who should have been enrolled into a state retirement system under the 1994 law, will be enrolled if they contact DRS. DRS will work with the employee and their employer to verify eligibility.

If you are aware of any law enforcement officers or fire fighters who worked prior to 1977 and were not in LEOFF 1 because they did not meet the minimum medical and health standards, and were not later enrolled into LEOFF 2 or PERS, please ask them to contact DRS to see if they are entitled to a pension. DRS can be reached at (360) 664-7000.

For more information about this issue, including an audio recording from the December 2018 meeting, please visit our website www.leoff.wa.gov, click Meetings, 2018, December 19, 2018 and look for item 6. LEOFF/PERS Eligibility Gap.