# CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA

Police and Firefighters Retirement Plan

Financial Report September 30, 2010 and 2009

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council City of Mobile Mobile, Alabama

We were engaged to audit the financial statements of the City of Mobile, Alabama Police and Firefighters Retirement Plan (the Plan) as of September 30, 2010 and 2009, and for the years then ended, and the supplementary schedules, as listed in the accompanying table of contents. These financial statements and supplementary schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's management.

The plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 6, which was certified by The Bank of New York Mellon, the custodian of the Plan, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the custodian holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from the custodian as of and for the years ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the custodian is complete and accurate.

Because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we are unable to, and do not, express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements taken as a whole. The form and content of the information included in the financial statements, other than that derived from the information certified by the custodian, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The required supplementary information on pages 12 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it. The other supplementary information on page 13 is presented as additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, and we did not audit and do not express an opinion on such information.

### STATEMENTS OF PLAN NET ASSETS

	September 30			
	2010	2009		
Assets		_		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 87,480,810	\$ 80,985,422		
Receivables				
Accrued income	280,877	247,298		
Employer contribution receivable	6,325,386	7,530,092		
Due from City of Mobile	7,622,551	4,399,077		
	14,228,815	12,176,467		
Cash	22,381	37,161		
Total assets	101,732,007	93,199,050		
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	53,160	81,802		
Accrued benefits payable - DROP Program	601,938	490,587		
Total liabilities	655,098	572,389		
Net assets held in trust for pension benefits	\$ 101,076,909	\$ 92,626,661		

# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended September 30			
	2010	2009		
Additions to Plan Net Assets				
Investment income, net				
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of				
investments	\$ 5,234,255	\$ (2,106,039)		
Interest income	1,586,612	1,651,095		
	6,820,867	(454,944)		
Less investment and custodial fees	(293,299)	(209,543)		
	6,527,568	(664,487)		
Contributions				
Employee	3,034,919	3,117,345		
Employer	15,037,059	16,473,275		
	18,071,979	19,590,620		
Other income				
Miscellaneous revenue	3,638	-		
Employee pension buy back		90,767		
Total additions	24,603,185	19,016,900		
<b>Deductions from Plan Net Assets</b>				
Benefits paid to participants	15,326,349	15,396,092		
Refunds of employee contributions	705,860	307,772		
Administrative expenses and fees	120,727	104,926		
Total deductions	16,152,936	15,808,790		
Net increase	8,450,248	3,208,110		
Plan Net Assets				
Beginning of year	92,626,661	89,418,551		
End of year	\$ 101,076,909	\$ 92,626,661		

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND 2009

#### Note 1 - Description of Plan

The following brief description of The City of Mobile, Alabama Police and Firefighters Retirement Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. The Plan was established by an Act of the Alabama State Legislature (the Act) on September 2, 1964. Participants should refer to the Act for more complete information.

#### General

The Plan is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan. The Plan was last amended on May 17, 2001.

#### Participation

Every member of the police and fire departments of the City of Mobile, except for civilian employees hired after April 15, 1985, certain civilian employees hired before April 15, 1985, and certain police officers and firefighters who elected not to participate during a temporary period of discretionary participation, comes under the provisions and benefits of the Plan.

### **Funding**

The Plan provides for the following methods of funding:

#### **Employer contributions**

The City of Mobile is required to contribute an actuarially determined amount each plan year. The City's contribution is determined as of October 1<sup>st</sup> of each Plan year and the contribution must be made within 18 months.

#### Employee contributions

Participants who have earned less than 30 years of service are required to contribute 8% of basic salary, as defined by the Plan.

#### Municipal Court receipts

The Plan receives 5% of all fines and moneys paid, except court costs, as a result of prosecutions for violations of ordinances and laws of the City of Mobile. These receipts are included in employer contributions.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND 2009

#### **Note 1 - Description of Plan (continued)**

#### Fire insurance premium tax

The Plan receives 2% of the gross fire insurance premiums collected on policies which cover property within the City of Mobile limits and its police jurisdiction. These receipts are included in employer contributions.

### Benefits

Participants in the Plan are entitled to certain benefits depending upon whether sufficient assets are in the Plan to cover the benefits. The Plan provides for retirement, disability and death benefits. Also, the plan provides for certain other types of benefits including a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP).

#### Retirement

The Plan provides that a participant, who was hired prior to March 28, 1990, with at least 20 years of service (the last 10 years of which are consecutive) and who has attained 50 years of age, may retire and receive a monthly payment equal to 2.5% of his or her final average salary (average salary of the last three full years of active service) multiplied by the number of years in service and divided by twelve. The benefit, however, cannot exceed 75% of the participant's final average salary. The Plan provides that a participant, who was hired on or after March 28, 1990, with 20 years of service (the last 10 years of which are consecutive) and who has attained 55 years of age, may retire and receive a monthly payment equal to 2.5% of his or her final average salary (average salary of the last five full years of active service) multiplied by the first 20 years of service, and 2.25% of his or her average salary for years of service in excess of 20 years. The benefit however is not to exceed 72.5% of the participant's final average salary.

#### Disability

If a participant who has at least 15 years of service becomes permanently physically or mentally disabled other than while performing his or her duties as a uniformed officer by reason other than hypertension, heart disease, respiratory disease, AIDS, hepatitis, or cancer, he or she shall receive a monthly disability benefit equal to 2.5% of his or her final salary multiplied by his or her years of service, but not more than 60% of his or her final salary.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND 2009

#### **Note 1 - Description of Plan (continued)**

#### **Disability** (continued)

If any participant becomes permanently physically or mentally disabled while performing his or her duties as a uniformed officer other than due to hypertension, heart disease, respiratory disease, AIDS, hepatitis, or cancer; or, any participant who has completed three years of service as a uniformed officer becomes permanently physically or mentally disabled due to hypertension, heart disease, respiratory disease, AIDS, hepatitis, or cancer, the participant shall receive a monthly disability benefit equal to 45% of the participant's final salary at the time the participant became disabled. However, any participant who can demonstrate to the Board of Trustees of The City of Mobile, Alabama Police and Firefighters Retirement Plan that he or she is totally disabled from gainful employment, he or she shall receive a disability benefit equal to 60% of the participant's final salary at the time the participant became disabled.

#### Death

Whenever the employment of a participant of the Plan is terminated by death before eligibility for pension benefits has been established, the contributions of such participant to the Plan shall be refunded in a lump sum plus up to \$5,000 in matching benefits, without interest, to the named beneficiary on file with the Plan secretary. If a participant who is eligible for a retirement benefit dies prior to his or her annuity starting date, his or her eligible family members shall receive a benefit equal to the greater of, (1) the benefit they would have received had the participant met the requirements of the Plan, as the case may be, retired, or terminated employment on the day preceding his or her death and begun to receive his or her benefit in accordance with the 50% survivor's benefit, or (2) in a single lump sum equal to the lesser of twice the participant's contributions to the Plan plus \$5,000.

#### Other

Whenever the employment of a participant of the Plan is terminated other than by reason of death or disability after completion of 15 years of service (the last ten years without a break in service exceeding one year), he or she shall receive a pension beginning on the first day following the latest of his or her termination of employment or on his or her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. If a participant terminates employment prior to 15 years of service for causes other than death or disability, he or she will receive a refund of his or her contributions excluding interest.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND 2009

#### **Note 1 - Description of Plan (continued)**

### DROP program

Effective October 1, 1997, the Plan was amended to provide for the addition of a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). The DROP program is available for participants who are eligible for retirement and who wish to continue their respective jobs with the police or fire departments. Those retirees who elect the DROP will have their monthly retirement benefit accumulated in a DROP account. DROP accounts earn a rate of interest that is based on the actual investment return of the fund for the prior plan year, less two percent if the return is at least equal to the assumed investment return.

As of September 30, 2010 and 2009, the following amounts were accumulated in the DROP accounts:

	2010			2009		
Benefit payments Accumulated earnings	\$	614,979 (13,041)	\$	524,259 (33,672)		
Total	\$	601,938	\$	490,587		

#### **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### Basis of accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. Employer contributions to the Plan are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

#### Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND 2009

### **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

#### Investments

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. When available, fair value is determined by quoted market price. Short term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Investments for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at their fair value as determined by the custodian under the direction of the Plan's Board of Trustees with the assistance of a valuation service.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

### **Note 3 - Plan Membership**

Participation in the Plan as of October 1, 2009 and 2008, according to the latest actuarial valuations, was comprised of the following:

	2009	2008
	£15	516
Retired members - service retirement	515	516
Retired members - disability retirement	51	55
Retired members - beneficiaries	148	144
Active members - regular active employees	1,002	971
Active members - DROP program	12	20
Deferred vested members	5	4
	1,733	1,710

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND 2009

#### **Note 4 - Funding Status and Progress**

The funded status of the plan as of October 1, 2009, the most recent actuarial valuation date, is as follows:

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Actuarial				UAAL as % of
Actuarial	Accrued	Unfunded		Annual	Annual
Value of	Liability	AAL	Funded	Covered	Covered
Assets	(AAL)	(UAAL)	Ratio	Payroll	Payroll
		(2) - (1)	(1)/(2)		(3) / (5)
\$ 98,525,321	\$ 225,176,329	\$ 126,651,008	43.8%	\$ 37,828,223	334.8%

The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information (RSI) following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial values of plan assets are increasing or decreasing over time relative to the AAL for benefits.

The annual required contributions for the 2008/2009 and 2007/2008 Plan years were determined as part of the October 1 actuarial valuations. The following is a list of additional information:

October 1, 2009		October 1, 2008
Actuarial cost method	Projected unit credit	Projected unit credit
Amortization method	Level dollar, closed	Level percent open
Remaining amortization	30 years	30 years
Asset valuation method	Five-year smoothed market value	Market value
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	8.00%	8.00%
Projected salary increases	4.00%	4.00%
Inflation component	2.75%	2.75%
Cost-of-living adjustments	None	None

Effective October 1, 2008, the increase in future salaries was decreased from 5.00% per annum to 4.00% per annum.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND 2009

### **Note 4 - Funding Status and Progress (continued)**

Effective October 1, 2008, retirees who retired prior to October 1, 1996 (other than those who retired during the period October 1, 1977 through April 14, 1985) and beneficiaries of retirees who retired prior to October 1, 1996 were given a 2% cost of living benefit increase. In addition, in December 2008 retirees who retired prior to October 1, 2008 (other than those who retired during the period October 1, 1977 through April 14, 1985) and beneficiaries of retirees who retired prior to October 1, 2008 were given a one-time additional lump sum payment equal to \$1.00 for every month of service earned prior to retirement.

Effective October 1, 2009, the Board of Trustees has adopted a five-year smoothing method to determine the actuarial value of the plan assets whereby the realized and unrealized gains and losses on the market value of the plan assets are reflected over a five-year period. Previously, the actuarial value of the plan assets was determined using the market value approach. Also, the administrative expense assumption has been changed from a 0.50% loading of all costs and liabilities to 0.25% of future payroll.

#### Note 5 - Investments

The following table presents investments at September 30, 2010 and 2009. Investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets are separately identified.

	2010	 2009
Russell 1000 Fund (Insurance contract)	\$ 25,763,698	\$ 20,972,711
Julius Baer	8,301,806	7,924,277
Corporate bonds	14,962,527	15,091,762
U.S. Government bonds	9,918,881	10,559,328
Insurance contracts	10,287,742	9,723,596
Pooled & Mutual Funds	2,976,789	2,810,624
Common stocks	15,269,367	13,903,124
	\$ 87,480,810	\$ 80,985,422

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND 2009

### Note 6 - Information Certified by Custodian

The Plan's custodian, The Bank of New York Mellon, has issued a certification covering all investment assets, transactions, and income earned as of and for the years ended September 30, 2010 and 2009.

#### **Note 7 - Income Tax Status**

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter in 1998 in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan's management and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

#### **Note 8 - Plan Administration**

The responsibilities for general administration of the Plan are entrusted to a Board of Trustees made up of three elected police officers, three elected firefighters, the Executive Director of Financial Services for the City of Mobile and two members appointed by the governing body of the City of Mobile. The Plan's assets are held in trust by The Bank of New York Mellon.

The Plan has an investment advisor and uses various professional investment managers to manage the Plan's assets.

Certain administrative functions are performed by employees of the City of Mobile. These employees are not compensated by the Plan nor are they members of the Plan. Salaries and other administrative expenses paid by the City of Mobile totaled \$206,849 and \$198,243 for the years ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

#### **Note 9 - Plan Termination**

The City of Mobile may terminate the Plan with the consent of the majority of the participants for any reason at any time. In case of termination, the rights of participants to their benefits as of the date of termination, to the extent then funded or protected by law, if greater, shall be nonforfeitable.

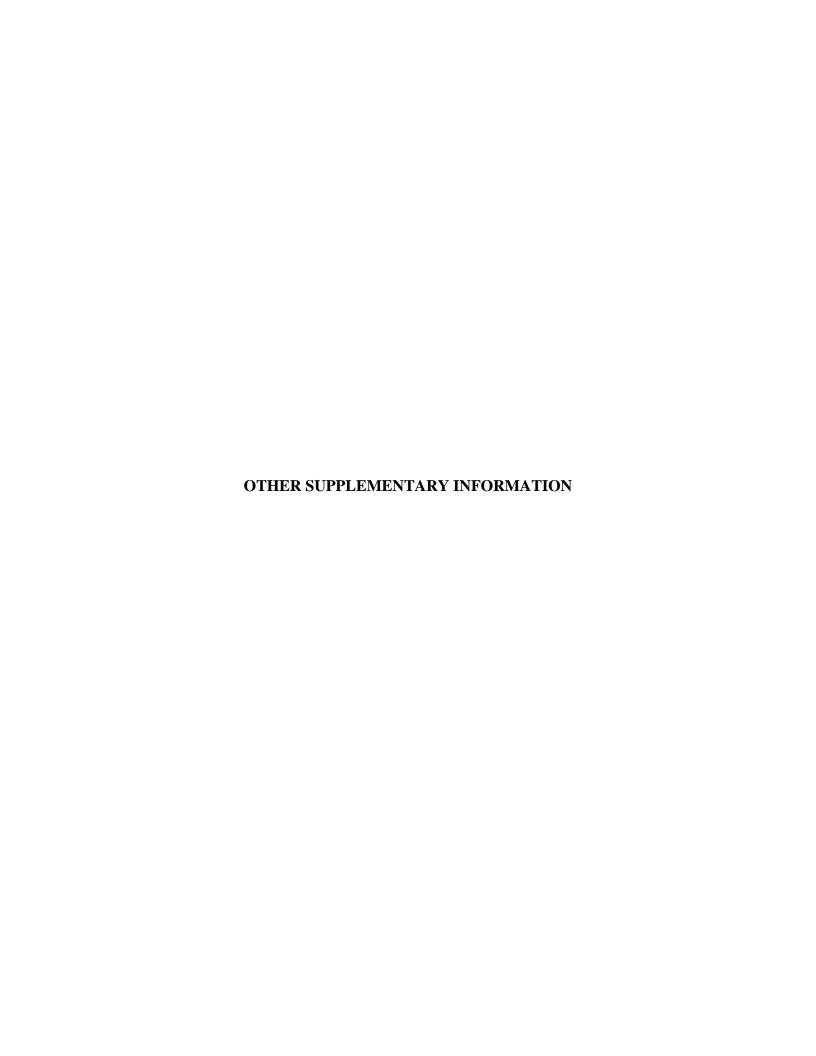


# SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
						UAAL
		Actuarial				as % of
Actuarial	Actuarial	Accrued	Unfunded		Annual	Annual
Valuation	Value of	Liability	AAL	Funded	Covered	Covered
Date	Assets	(AAL)	(UAAL)	Ratio	Payroll	Payroll
			(2) - (1)	(1)/(2)		(3)/(5)
10/1/04	\$ 61,705,780	\$ 190,094,181	\$ 128,388,401	32.5%	\$ 30,974,684	414.5%
10/1/05	\$ 83,819,260	\$ 197,225,687	\$ 113,406,427	42.5%	\$ 32,055,235	353.8%
10/1/06	\$ 92,405,268	\$ 205,362,700	\$ 112,957,432	45.0%	\$ 33,158,518	340.7%
10/1/07	\$ 105,396,066	\$ 222,111,577	\$ 116,715,511	47.5%	\$ 36,488,843	319.9%
10/1/08	\$ 89,418,551	\$ 225,276,657	\$ 135,858,113	39.7%	\$ 39,153,543	347.0%
10/1/09	\$ 98,525,321	\$ 225,176,329	\$ 126,651,008	43.8%	\$ 37,828,223	334.8%

# SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year Ended	Annual Required Contribution	Percentage Contributed	Annual Pension Cost	Percentage Contributed
September 30, 2004	\$6,115,088	206%	\$5,327,591	236%
September 30, 2005	\$6,169,345	262%	\$5,107,537	317%
September 30, 2006	\$5,178,167	309%	\$3,698,103	433%
September 30, 2007	\$4,754,860	296%	\$2,810,659	500%
September 30, 2008	\$8,321,440	148%	\$6,443,263	192%
September 30, 2009	\$9,904,212	166%	\$8,307,711	198%



# REVENUES BY SOURCE AND EXPENSES BY TYPE LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

# **Revenues by Source**

Fiscal Year	C	Employee Contributions		Employer Investment and Other Contributions Income/(Loss)		and Other		and Other	Total
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	\$	2,369,388 2,306,468 2,281,878 2,296,731 2,317,962	\$	7,343,012 9,773,827 12,868,697 12,122,210 15,581,462	\$	(9,190,185) (4,972,501) 8,414,638 6,689,543 14,503,724	\$ 522,215 7,107,794 23,565,213 21,108,484 32,403,148		
2006 2007 2008 2009 2010		2,393,737 2,579,329 2,873,922 3,117,345 3,034,919		15,403,865 13,520,226 11,881,087 16,473,275 15,037,059		6,848,417 13,101,059 (14,466,340) (364,177) 6,824,505	24,646,019 29,200,614 288,669 19,226,443 24,896,483		
				Expenses by T	уре				
Fiscal Year		Benefits		and Other Expenses		Refunds	 Total		
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007	\$	13,996,593 12,711,842 13,104,410 13,972,920 14,157,626 15,276,682 15,170,811	\$	237,172 316,853 439,908 327,810 318,487 302,893 323,553	\$	388,916 578,027 415,472 522,790 530,274 471,929 723,959	\$ 14,622,681 13,606,722 13,959,790 14,823,520 15,006,387 16,051,504 16,218,323		

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