



## FRAMINGHAM RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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August 25, 2020

TO: Harold J. Wolfe  
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RE: Response to Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

On August 20, 2020, the Framingham Retirement System was referred certain portions of a public records request served on the City of Framingham, in which you requested public information regarding certain active and retired members of the Framingham Retirement System.

The Framingham Retirement System is a separate governmental unit from the City of Framingham, and therefore, this response will address Requests 3 and 4 in your request made of the municipality.

*Request 3: When does officer Paul Duncan become eligible for retirement? If he were eligible for retirement today, what would Paul Duncan's retirement salary be given the current contract?*

*When does officer Steven Casey become eligible for retirement? If he were eligible for retirement today, what would Steven Casey's retirement salary be given the current contract?*

Response: Paul Duncan and Steven Casey are presently vested in the Framingham Retirement System, and therefore would be eligible for superannuation retirement. The Framingham Retirement System has no records regarding the retirement allowance of any member of the System who has not yet retired. An employee's retirement allowance is calculated at the time of retirement and is based on a number of factors, including but not limited to the employee's group classification, the high average 3 or 5 year salary, the employee's age, the employee's years of creditable service, and the retirement option selected. You are respectfully directed to Section 5 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws of Massachusetts which governs the calculation of superannuation retirement allowances.

*Request 4: In the past twenty years, Framingham has had 5 police chiefs. I would like to get the annual retirement salary information on the four who have retired just for the most recent fiscal year. Ronald Brandolini is the current acting police chief. Steven Trask retired around 06/2020. Ken Ferguson retired around 04/2018. Steven Carl retired around 09/2013. Brent Larabee retired around 05/2001. In essence how much are we paying these retired police chiefs who for the most part, are probably working somewhere else.*

Response: Below are the annual retirement allowance paid to the listed retirees for calendar year 2019:

Steven Trask:	Retired 6/26/2020 – Projected Annual Amount \$138,310.92
Kenneth Ferguson:	\$134,960.76
Steven Carl:	\$126,604.80
Brent Larrabee:	\$ 94,365.24

The System has waived statutory fees for this request. No records responsive to your request have been exempted from disclosure. If you believe that there may be public records within the System's possession and control which are responsive to your request and which have not been produced, please contact the undersigned Records Access Officer.

Anyone denied access to public records has the right of appeal to the Supervisor of Records Office of the Secretary of State, One Ashburton Place, Room 1719, Boston, MA 02108, within ninety (90) calendar days of the request. If a response has been provided, a requester may appeal within ninety (90) days of the response. To appeal, you must send the Supervisor of Records copies your request, the written response, if any, and a brief letter detailing the reason for the appeal. You may mail, fax or email your appeal. For more information on the appeals process, please see 950 CMR 32.08 or visit the Secretary of State's [website](#).

If you require further information in this regard, please contact this office.

Sincerely,



Laurie A. Lizak, Records Access Officer

cc: Town of Framingham