

**ACTUARIAL VALUATION**

**South Carolina Police Officers  
Retirement System  
(PORS)**

**As of July 1, 1997**



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Gentlemen:

This report constitutes the July 1, 1997 actuarial valuation for the South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (PORS). The report includes this commentary and a series of actuarial tables and summaries of the plan provisions and methods and assumptions.

### **Basic Contribution Requirements**

Our valuation finds the PORS in excellent actuarial condition. The current plan benefits, including the COLA of 1.5% that may be granted as of July 1, 1998, are adequately funded by the current contribution levels which consist of employee contributions of 6.5% and employer contributions of 10.30% for Class II members.

The employer contribution rates are also reasonably split between 8.43% for normal cost contributions and the remainder for amortization of the unfunded liability for Class II members. With these amortization payments, the current unfunded liability will be eliminated in 6 years. Based on the previous actuarial valuation, the unfunded liability was expected to be eliminated in 7 years.

We have also determined that the Group Life Insurance employer contribution of 0.20% and the accidental death benefit employer contribution of 0.20% are both reasonable and will adequately fund the expected benefit payments. The separate funds for these benefits have built sufficient reserves.

### **Valuation Data**

This valuation was based on approximately 21,800 active members with a payroll of \$562.6 million. This represents an increase in the number of active members of about 6.7% and an increase of 11.3% in covered payroll since the previous year's valuation.

The number of people receiving benefits increased since the last valuation by about 7%. The annual benefits being paid increased by about 13.8%. This takes into account the 4% COLA that was effective July 1, 1997.



### Valuation Assets

The market value of the PORS assets as of July 1, 1997 was \$1.58 billion. The comparable figure one-year before was \$1.43 billion. The rate of investment return on assets for the 1996/97 year was 9.2%.

For purposes of the actuarial valuation, we are using an actuarial value of assets that phases-in investment return different than the assumed 7.25% rate over a 5-year period. This actuarial value as of July 1, 1997 was \$1.51 billion as compared to \$1.37 billion the previous year.

### Unfunded Liability and Experience Factors

After recognizing the actuarial value of assets, the unfunded liability as of July 1, 1997 was \$58.4 million. There was a decrease in unfunded liability of 1.8 million. The factors causing the decrease (in millions) are:

Required amortization payment	\$ (5.0)
Asset experience	(17.0)
Salary experience	5.3
Other experience	5.4
COLA effective July 1, 1998	<u>9.5</u>
Net change	\$ (1.8)

### Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Calculations

Our report includes information that is required by GASB. Basically, the calculations indicate that the System's funded ratio has increased since the previous valuation. As of the last valuation the funded ratio was 95.8%. This has improved to 96.3%. In addition, the unfunded liability as a percentage of covered payroll has decreased from 11.9% to 10.4%. Both of these statistics indicate that the funded status of the System has improved.

### Changes in System Benefits and Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

This actuarial valuation reflects the current provisions of the System as outlined on Table X. The provisions have remained the same since the last actuarial valuation. However, our report does contain provisions for a 1.5% COLA to be granted effective July 1, 1998.

The actuarial assumptions and methods are outlined on Table IX. These assumptions and methods have remained as employed in the July 1, 1996 actuarial report.



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Census Data and System Assets

The Retirement System office provided the demographic data that was used for this valuation. The System assets that were used for this valuation were supplied in the June 30, 1997 Retirement System Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Conclusions

In our opinion, the information contained in this actuarial report fairly represents the actuarial condition of the South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System.

We look forward to review this report with the State Budget and Control Board and the Director of the Retirement System.

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Table I

## South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (PORS)

### Summary of Actuarial Valuation Results

	<u>July 1, 1997</u>	<u>July 1, 1996</u>
<b>1. <u>Number of Active Members and Compensation</u></b>		
a. Total number of active members	21,829	20,461
b. Total compensation	\$ 562,553	\$ 505,516
<b>2. <u>Number of Persons Receiving Benefits and Benefits</u></b>		
a. Total number receiving benefits	5,219	4,862
b. Total amount of benefits	\$ 68,150	\$ 59,885
<b>3. <u>Trust Fund Assets</u></b>		
a. Market value	\$ 1,581,272	\$ 1,425,106
b. Actuarial value	\$ 1,512,390	\$ 1,367,549
<b>4. <u>Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)</u></b>	\$ 58,426	\$ 60,236
<b>5. <u>Remaining Liquidation Period (Years)</u></b>	6	7
<b>6. <u>Required Contribution as a Percent of Compensation (Class II)</u></b>		
a. Normal cost contribution	8.43%	8.43%
b. UAAL contribution	1.87%	1.87%
c. Pre-retirement death contribution	0.20%	0.20%
d. Accidental death contribution	<u>0.20%</u>	<u>0.20%</u>
e. Total	10.70%	10.70%

*All dollar amounts in thousands*



Table II

**South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (PORS)**

**Determination and Amortization of Unfunded Liability**

<b>1. <u>Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits</u></b>		
a.	Present retired members and beneficiaries	\$ 645,356
b.	Present active and inactive members	<u>1,752,166</u>
c.	Total actuarial present value	\$ 2,397,522
<b>2. <u>Present Value of Future Normal Contributions</u></b>		
a.	Employee at 6.50%	\$ 359,919
b.	Employer at 8.43%	<u>466,787</u>
c.	Total future normal contributions	\$ 826,706
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>Actuarial Accrued Liability = 1.c. – 2.c.</u></b>	<b>\$ 1,570,816</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b><u>Current Actuarial Value of Assets</u></b>	<b>\$ 1,512,390</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b><u>Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability</u></b> <b><u>= 3. – 4.</u></b>	<b>\$ 58,426</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b><u>Unfunded Accrued Liability Rates (Class II)</u></b>	<b>1.87%</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b><u>Unfunded Accrued Liability Liquidation Period</u></b>	<b>6 years</b>

*All dollar amounts in thousands*



Table III

South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (PORS)

Development of Actuarial Value of Assets

1. <u>Actuarial Value of Assets on July 1, 1996</u>	\$ 1,367,549
2. <u>1996/1997 Net Cash Flow</u>	
a. Contributions	98,977
b. Disbursements	<u>71,499</u>
c. Net Cash Flow	\$ 27,478
3. <u>Expected Investment Return</u> [1. x .0725] + [2.c. x .03625]	\$ 100,143
4. <u>Expected Actuarial Value of Assets on July 1, 1997</u> (1. + 2.c. + 3.)	\$ 1,495,170
5. <u>Market Value of Assets on July 1, 1997</u>	\$ 1,581,272
6. <u>Excess of Market Value over Expected Actuarial Value</u> (5. - 4.)	\$ 86,102
7. <u>20% Adjustment towards Market</u> (.20 x 6.)	\$ 17,220
8. <u>Actuarial Value of Assets on July 1, 1997</u> (4. + 7.)	<u>\$ 1,512,390</u>

All dollar amounts in thousands





Table IV

South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (PORS)

Accounting Information

1. Number of Active and Retired Members as of July 1, 1997

<u>Group</u>	<u>Number</u>
Retiree and Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	5,219
Terminated Employees Entitled to Benefits But not yet Receiving Benefits	5,642
Active Members	<u>21,829</u>
Total	<u><u>32,690</u></u>

2. Schedule of Funding Progress

<u>Actuarial Valuation Date</u>	(a) <u>Actuarial Value of Assets</u>	(b) <u>Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)</u>	(c) <u>Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b - a)</u>	(d) <u>Funded Ratio (a / b)</u>	(e) <u>Covered Payroll</u>	(f) <u>UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (c / e)</u>
07/01/97	\$ 1,512,390	\$ 1,570,816	\$ 58,426	96.3%	\$ 562,553	10.4%
07/01/96	1,367,549	1,427,785	60,236	95.8%	505,516	11.9%
07/01/95	1,236,610	1,299,119	62,509	95.2%	475,176	13.2%

All dollar amounts in thousands



3. Assumptions and Methods

Valuation date	July 1, 1997
Actuarial cost method	Entry-Age-Normal
Amortization method	Level percent open
Remaining amortization period	6 years
Asset valuation method	5 year smoothed market
Actuarial assumptions	
Investment rate of return*	7.25%
Projected salary increases	5.05% - 11.15%
*Including inflation at	4.25%
Cost-of -living adjustments	None



Table V

## South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (PORS)

### Valuation Balance Sheet

	<u>July 1, 1997</u>	<u>July 1, 1996</u>
<b>1. <u>Assets</u></b>		
a. <u>Current Assets</u>		
i) Employee Annuity Savings Fund	\$ 314,217	\$ 284,655
ii) Employer Annuity Accumulation Fund	<u>1,198,173</u>	<u>1,082,894</u>
iii) Total Current Assets	\$ 1,512,390	\$ 1,367,549
b. <u>Future Member Contributions to Employee Annuity Savings Fund</u>		
	\$ 359,919	\$ 341,165
c. <u>Prospective Contributions to Employer Annuity Accumulation Fund</u>		
i) Normal Contributions	\$ 466,787	\$ 442,448
ii) Accrued Liability Contributions	<u>58,426</u>	<u>60,236</u>
iii) Total Prospective Employer Contributions	\$ 525,213	\$ 502,684
d. <u>Total Assets</u>		
	<u>\$ 2,397,522</u>	<u>\$ 2,211,398</u>
<b>2. <u>Liabilities</u></b>		
a. <u>Employee Annuity Savings Fund</u>		
i) Past Member Contributions	\$ 314,217	\$ 284,655
ii) Future Member Contributions	<u>359,919</u>	<u>341,165</u>
iii) Total Contributions to Employee Annuity Savings Fund	\$ 674,136	\$ 625,820
b. <u>Employer Annuity Accumulation Fund</u>		
i) Benefits Currently in Payment	\$ 645,356	\$ 565,404
ii) Benefits to be Paid to Current Active Members	<u>1,078,030</u>	<u>1,020,174</u>
iii) Total Benefits Payable from Employer Annuity Accumulation Fund	\$ 1,723,386	\$ 1,585,578
c. <u>Total Liabilities</u>		
	<u>\$ 2,397,522</u>	<u>\$ 2,211,398</u>

*All dollar amounts in thousands*



Table VI

South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (PORS)

Number and Annual Retirement Allowances of Benefit Recipients as of July 1, 1997

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Retirement Allowances</u>
<b>1. <u>Service Retirement</u></b>		
Life Annuity	1,598	\$ 16,965,172
100% J & S	241	2,502,627
100 % Pop-Up	204	2,438,513
50% J & S	221	3,831,975
50% Pop-Up	317	5,867,346
Level Off	<u>1,135</u>	<u>20,636,786</u>
	3,716	\$ 52,242,419
<b>2. <u>Disability Retirement</u></b>		
Life Annuity	596	\$ 7,856,652
100% J & S	80	687,763
100 % Pop-Up	30	324,712
50% J & S	45	559,730
50% Pop-Up	<u>49</u>	<u>786,785</u>
	800	\$ 10,215,642
<b>3. <u>Beneficiaries of Deceased Retired Members and Active Members</u></b>		
Total	703	\$ 5,691,659
<b>4. <u>Grand Total</u></b>		
	<u><u>5,219</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 68,149,720</u></u>



Table VII

South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (PORS)

Distribution of Active Members by Attained Age Groups and Service Groups as of July 1, 1997

Attained Age Group	Years of Service							Total
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30 & Over	
Under 25	1,195	14	.	.	.	.	.	1,209
25 - 29	3,249	775	16	.	.	.	.	4,040
30 - 34	1,768	1,726	626	5	1	.	.	4,126
35 - 39	1,127	943	1,002	331	7	.	.	3,410
40 - 44	1,001	661	606	499	315	13	.	3,095
45 - 49	724	635	430	303	386	195	6	2,679
50 - 54	433	427	365	171	230	145	40	1,811
55 - 59	214	226	200	115	90	49	39	933
60 - 64	94	79	100	60	37	33	22	425
65 & Up	34	22	15	15	10	2	3	101
Total	9,839	5,508	3,360	1,499	1,076	437	110	21,829

Average Attained Age                    38.04 years  
 Average Hire Age                        30.89 years  
 Average Pay                                \$25,771  
 Percent Female                            21.3%



Table VIII

South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (PORS)

Distribution of Participants Receiving Benefits

1. Service Retirement

<u>Current Age Group</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total Annual Benefit</u>	<u>Average Annual Benefit</u>
Under 50	138	\$ 2,542,260	\$ 18,422
50 - 54	314	6,812,364	21,695
55 - 59	551	9,832,644	17,845
60 - 64	800	11,070,507	13,838
65 - 69	792	8,968,944	11,324
70 - 74	512	6,615,300	12,921
75 - 79	347	4,209,828	12,132
80 & Over	<u>262</u>	<u>2,190,372</u>	<u>8,360</u>
Total	3,716	\$ 52,242,219	\$ 14,059

2. Disability Retirement

<u>Current Age Group</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total Annual Benefit</u>	<u>Average Annual Benefit</u>
Under 50	323	\$ 4,551,954	\$ 14,093
50 - 54	169	2,144,280	12,688
55 - 59	128	1,485,516	11,606
60 - 64	66	811,608	12,297
65 - 69	51	571,176	11,200
70 - 74	35	366,120	10,461
75 - 79	22	192,540	8,752
80 & Over	<u>6</u>	<u>92,448</u>	<u>15,408</u>
Total	800	\$ 10,215,642	\$ 12,770

3. Beneficiaries

<u>Current Age Group</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total Annual Benefit</u>	<u>Average Annual Benefit</u>
Under 50	84	\$ 658,272	\$ 7,837
50 - 54	47	437,232	9,303
55 - 59	63	560,916	8,903
60 - 64	73	687,900	9,423
65 - 69	101	929,027	9,198
70 - 74	106	803,052	7,576
75 - 79	100	767,676	7,677
80 & Over	<u>129</u>	<u>847,584</u>	<u>6,570</u>
Total	703	\$ 5,691,659	\$ 8,096



Table IX

**South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (PORS)**

**Outline of Actuarial Assumptions and Methods**

1. **Interest to be Earned by Fund**

7.25% per annum, compounded annually.

2. **Salary Increases**

Salary increases are assumed in accordance with the following representative rates:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Annual Increases</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Annual Increases</u>
20	11.15%	45	5.05%
25	10.25%	50	5.05%
30	6.85%	55	5.05%
35	6.05%	60 & Up	5.05%
40	5.45%		

3. **Decrement Rates**

The following are representative values of the assumed annual rates of withdrawal, in-service mortality, disability and service retirement

<u>Age</u>	<u>Annual Rate of</u>				
	<u>Service Retirement*</u>	<u>Mortality</u>	<u>Disability</u>	<u>Withdrawal</u>	
				<u>Years of Service</u>	
				<u>0 - 4</u>	<u>5 or more</u>
20		0.10%	0.14%	9.72%	6.96%
25		0.13%	0.16%	8.70%	6.96%
30		0.16%	0.20%	7.98%	4.20%
35		0.20%	0.26%	7.74%	3.42%
40		0.27%	0.34%	7.38%	2.64%
45	10.00%	0.40%	0.50%	6.90%	2.82%
50	10.00%	0.57%	0.84%	5.82%	2.94%
55	10.00%	0.88%			
60	15.00%	1.42%			
64	25.00%	2.03%			

\*Plus an additional 20% in year when first become eligible for unreduced service retirement. In addition, 25% of disabilities are assumed to be duty related, and 5% of pre-retirement deaths are assumed to be accidental.



**Table IX**  
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**4. Mortality After Retirement**

For healthy retirees and beneficiaries, the 1983 Group Annuity Mortality Table rates set forward two years. A separate table of mortality rates is used for disabled retirees. The following are sample rates for the healthy retirees and beneficiaries:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
50	0.48%	0.19%
55	0.71%	0.31%
60	1.11%	0.52%
65	1.98%	0.87%
70	3.34%	1.62%
75	5.48%	3.07%
80	8.93%	5.27%
85	13.39%	8.39%

**5. Marriage Assumption**

100% of all active members are assumed to be married, with female spouses being 4 years younger.

**6. Asset Valuation Method**

Actuarial value of assets recognizes a portion of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected value of assets, based on the assumed investment rate of return. The amount recognized each year is 20% of the difference between market and expected value. The actuarial value of assets is limited to a range between 80% and 120% of market value.

**7. Cost Methods**

a. Normal Retirement, Termination, Death and Disability Benefits

Projected benefit with level percentage entry age normal cost and open-end unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Gains and losses are reflected in the period remaining to liquidate the unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

b. Group Life Insurance and Accidental Death Benefits

One-year term cost method.





**Table IX**  
**(continued three)**

**8. Additional Assumptions and Methods**

There are certain other assumption made that have a relatively minor effect on liabilities. These assumptions are available upon request.

**9. Cost-of-Living Increases**

None assumed.



## Table X

# South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (PORS)

### Outline of Principal Plan Provisions

1. Effective Date

July 1, 1962.

2. Eligibility Requirements

A police officer or firefighter who works at least 1,600 hours as a police officer or firefighter and whose compensation is at least \$2,000 during the fiscal year.

3. Creditable Service

Creditable service means service during which contributions have been made. This is counted in years, months, and days.

There are a number of different types of service that may be purchased by an employee under special rules, including educational leave, medical leave, federal service, maternity leave, military leave, municipality service, non-member service, out-of-state service, transfer of service for one system to another, and others.

4. Average Final Compensation

The total of the highest 12 consecutive quarters of compensation earned divided by 3. Denoted AFC. Compensation generally includes gross salary or wages, overtime, sick pay, wage deferrals, and termination pay for unused annual leave. For member who joined the system on or after January 1, 1996, compensation for benefit and contribution purposes is limited to \$150,000, subject to annual index.

5. Normal Retirement

- |                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| a. <u>Eligibility</u> | Attainment of age 55 and the completion of 5 years of creditable service or completion of 25 years of creditable service. |
| b. <u>Benefit</u>     | 2.14% of AFC times creditable service (Class II).   |



**Table X**  
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**6. Early Retirement**

- a. Eligibility                      Completion of 5 years of creditable service.
- b. Benefit                              Retirement benefit based upon creditable service and AFC as of date of early retirement, commencing at age 55.

**7. Disability Retirement**

- a. Eligibility                      Disability prior to normal retirement age with at least 5 years of creditable service. The service requirement is waived for duty related disability.
- b. Benefit                              Benefit equal to the amount of retirement benefit that would have been payable assuming continued employment to age 55 and AFC at date of disability.

**8. Death Benefits**

a. Death prior to age 55

- i) Prior to completion of 15 years of creditable service

Refund of employee contributions with interest plus Group Life Insurance in a lump sum equal to annual compensation. Group Life Insurance only payable to those with at least 1 year of creditable service, unless death is job related and whose employer participates.

- ii) After completion of 15 years of creditable service

Same as above, however, instead of the refund of employee contributions with interest, the beneficiary may elect to receive an annuity equal to the amount that would have been payable had the member retired the day before death and elected payment to commence at age 55 under option 1 described below.

b. Death after age 55

Same as Item a.(ii) above.

**9. Accidental Death Benefit**

If death occurs and is duty related, then a monthly annuity equal to 50% of the member's compensation at the time of death is paid to the statutory beneficiary until the beneficiary's death.



**Table X**  
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**10. Member Contributions**

6.5% of compensation.

**11. Vested Benefit upon Termination**

- a. Eligibility                      100% vesting upon completion of 5 years of creditable service.
- b. Benefit                              Accrued service retirement benefit as of date of termination payable as of age 55.

**12. Termination Benefit**

- a. Eligibility                      Elect return of accumulated employee contributions.
- b. Benefit                              Return of employee contributions plus interest.

**13. Normal Form of Retirement Income**

Monthly life annuity with guaranteed return of employee contributions plus interest.

**14. Optional Forms of Retirement Income**

- a. Option 1.      Monthly life annuity with 100% of reduced benefit continued to beneficiary upon death.
- b. Option 1(a).    Same as option 1 with revert to maximum option if beneficiary predeceases retiree.
- c. Option 2.      Monthly life annuity with 50% of reduced benefit continued to beneficiary upon death.
- d. Option 2(a).    Same as option 2 with revert to maximum option if beneficiary predeceases retiree.

**15. Cost of Living Adjustment**

Granted upon approval of State Budget and Control Board if funding objectives are met. The amount is the increase in the calendar year CPI, unless the CPI increases greater than 3%. If this occurs, a 4% increase is granted.

