



MEET THE BOARD

WARREN WEST, CPPT | SECRETARY



Hello fellow trustees at the request of our board chairman. I am writing to re-introduce myself to you. My name is Warren L West Jr. a member and chairman of the Avon Park Fire pension board where I have served since 2004. I am a honorably discharged United States, Air Force veteran, which I serviced as a fire protection specialist. I retired from Avon Park fire department with 32 years of service at the rank of Captain. I became familiar with the FPPTA through an administrator who said "FPPTA was a Cadillac organization" in 2006. I became CPPT certified in 2008 and was so impressed with the organization. I immediately asked Ray Edmondson, how I could help. He put me on the education committee where I became an intermediate proctor and have been there ever since. The FPPTA was a great source of information that helped me in negotiations with my city when I was the union president for nearly 30 yrs. With the information I learned it helped us to negotiate a multiplier from 3% multiplier to a 3.16 multiplier and a modest cost of living all due to the education's I received at FPPTA. The FPPTA assisted with a Town hall meeting. One of their first to assist our pension board on educating our town leaders,(councilpersons, city manager and finance director.) I believe that this Town hall meeting had lasting effects by educating, not only our council members but the public.

I wanted to do more for FPPTA and with encouragement from FPPTA members, I ran for the Board of Directors. I lost on my first attempt. But it did not discourage me. With more encouragement from our trustee members, I ran again and won. I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in this June conference And I promise to do my best to represent the trustees and FPPTA.