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New Retiree Association Announces March & Rally on October 23, 2013

The RDPMA states it is time for Retirees to get angry and take to the street!

Detroit, MI -The Retired Detroit Police Members Association (RDPMA), has declared October 23, 2013 as “National Retiree Day”. RDPMA is asking that retirees across the country join in solidarity by protesting cuts to pensions and health care in their respective cities.

Locally, protesters are meeting at 9AM EST in front of 231 W. Lafayette (Federal Court) with protest signs that say: No Cuts to Pensions, No Cuts to Health Care.

This date was chosen, stated RDPMA President Brenda Goss Andrews, because it is the first day of the bankruptcy eligibility trial before Judge Steven Rhodes. She states, “One of the reoccurring statements from fellow officers and retirees in D.C., and even here in Detroit, is that Detroiters and retirees are not angry enough.”

“Over 125 cities are facing financial distress,” explained Vice President Gail Wilson-Turner, who is also a member of the Creditors Retiree Committee. “It is important that retirees everywhere band together and organize in their respective cities.”

Wilson-Turner believes the march and rally gives not only retirees in Detroit but retirees all over the country an opportunity to take to the streets in protest against the attack on pensions and health care.

“October 23rd is a pivotal and significant moment in the ongoing bankruptcy proceedings,” emphasizes Goss Andrews. “We hope that the streets are filled in Detroit and all over the country with retirees and supporters protesting cuts in pension and health benefits.”

Legal experts agree that what happens in Detroit may open the door for other municipalities to put pension cuts on the table.

About RDPMA

The non-profit Retired Detroit Police Members Association (RDPMA) was formed on July 23, 2013. The non-union group represents all ranks of retired Detroit Police Personnel and the surviving spouses of deceased DPD personnel. The organization’s sole mission is to advocate for the members of the RDPMA concerning the preservation, protection and enhancement of their pensions, and other benefits, in the public square and in judicial proceedings, including any bankruptcy actions that may affect their rights to continue to receive their full benefits. For more information or to donate go to www.rdpma.org

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