Dear XX

**The Retained Firefighters’ Pension Settlement - Second options exercise**

**Name: XXXXX NI Number: XXXXX**

We are writing to you following your late XX death [on XX]. Please accept our condolences on your loss.

When your late XX started their employment as a retained firefighter with [INSERT NAME] Fire and Rescue Service, although they were covered by the same injury and compensation provisions as applied to regular firefighters, they were unable to join the Firefighters' Pension Scheme 1992 (FPS 1992).

Following a legal judgement (more information is available on the [www.fpsmember.org/special-options-exercise](http://www.fpsmember.org/special-options-exercise)) your late XX became in scope to join the Firefighters’ Pension Scheme 2006 (FPS 2006) as a special member and our records indicate that they did take up this option. Originally your late XX could only buy service from 1 July 2000, however, a recent judgment has found that members can now buy back to the beginning of their continuous retained service which in the case of your late XX would have been XX/XX/XXXX.

**What does this mean to me?**

As your late XX elected to join the scheme as an FPS 2006 special member under the first options exercise, was employed as a retained firefighter before 1 July 2000 and had continuous retained service prior to this date you are entitled to receive an additional death grant payment. This payment is equal to 0.1 x pensionable pay for each full qualifying year of continuous service prior to 7 April 2000.

**Next Steps**

Please complete the death grant application form and provide a copy of:

* your late XX’s death certificate
* your marriage/civil partnership certificate
* your birth certificate

Please return these to us at:

[Address]

Once we have received your completed application form, we will respond to you in writing setting out the amount that is payable to you.

Yours sincerely