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| <p>Form 5500</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</p> <p>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p> | <p>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p> |
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information
 For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 09/30/2024

A This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)

a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

B This return/report is: the first return/report the final return/report

an amended return/report a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶

D Check box if filing under: Form 5558 automatic extension the DFVC program

special extension (enter description)

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

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| <p>1a Name of plan <u>NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN</u></p> | <p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p> |
| <p>2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION</u></p> <p><u>323 W. JONES STREET, SUITE 401</u> <u>RALEIGH, NC 27603</u></p> | <p>1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2012</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>56-0614254</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>919-821-2132</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>624200</u></p> |

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

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| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 07/14/2025 | BARRY OVERMAN |
| | Signature of plan administrator | Date | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator |
| SIGN HERE | | | |
| | Signature of employer/plan sponsor | Date | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| SIGN HERE | | | |
| | Signature of DFE | Date | Enter name of individual signing as DFE |

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| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor | 3b Administrator's EIN | |
| | 3c Administrator's telephone number | |
| 4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name | 4b EIN | |
| | 4d PN | |
| 5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | 5 | 868 |
| 6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | 6a(1) | 868 |
| | 6a(2) | 0 |
| | 6b | 0 |
| | 6c | 0 |
| | 6d | 0 |
| | 6e | 0 |
| | 6f | 0 |
| | 6g(1) | 844 |
| 6g(2) | 0 | |
| 6h | 0 | |
| 7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) | 7 | |

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D 2U

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

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| 9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) |
| (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance | (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts |
| (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust | (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

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| a Pension Schedules | b General Schedules |
| (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) | (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan) |
| (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>1</u> |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____ | (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) |
| (5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information) | (5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) |
| | (6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules) |

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

OMB No. 1210-0110

2024

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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **09/30/2024**

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| A Name of plan NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN | | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION | | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-0614254 |

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|-------------------|----------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 04-1590850 | 65935 | 899237 | 0 | 01/01/2024 | 09/30/2024 |

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

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| (a) Total amount of commissions paid | (b) Total amount of fees paid |
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|--|--|--------------------|------------------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

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| 4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 4 | |
| 5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 5 | |

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c**

d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
 Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶ **GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT**

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| b Balance at the end of the previous year | 7b | 488216 | |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | 75403 | |
| | 7c(2) | 0 | |
| | 7c(3) | 9040 | |
| | 7c(4) | 107896 | |
| | 7c(5) | 60069 | |
| ▶ FORFEITURES | | | |
| (6) Total additions | 7c(6) | 252408 | |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | 7d | 740624 | |
| e Deductions: | | | |
| | (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year | 7e(1) | 615840 |
| | (2) Administration charge made by carrier..... | 7e(2) | 107342 |
| | (3) Transferred to separate account | 7e(3) | 17443 |
| (4) Other (specify below) | 7e(4) | 0 | |
| ▶ | | | |
| (5) Total deductions | 7e(5) | 740625 | |
| f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | 7f | -1 | |

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** Health (other than dental or vision)
- b** Dental
- c** Vision
- d** Life insurance
- e** Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- f** Long-term disability
- g** Supplemental unemployment
- h** Prescription drug
- i** Stop loss (large deductible)
- j** HMO contract
- k** PPO contract
- l** Indemnity contract
- m** Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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| a | Premiums: (1) Amount received | 9a(1) | | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid | 9a(2) | | |
| | (3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve | 9a(3) | | |
| | (4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) | | 9a(4) | 0 |
| b | Benefit charges (1) Claims paid | 9b(1) | | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves | 9b(2) | | |
| | (3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) | | 9b(3) | 0 |
| | (4) Claims charged | | 9b(4) | |
| c | Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) -- | | | |
| | (A) Commissions | 9c(1)(A) | | |
| | (B) Administrative service or other fees | 9c(1)(B) | | |
| | (C) Other specific acquisition costs | 9c(1)(C) | | |
| | (D) Other expenses | 9c(1)(D) | | |
| | (E) Taxes | 9c(1)(E) | | |
| | (F) Charges for risks or other contingencies | 9c(1)(F) | | |
| | (G) Other retention charges | 9c(1)(G) | | |
| | (H) Total retention | | 9c(1)(H) | 0 |
| | (2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) | | 9c(2) | |
| d | Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement | | 9d(1) | |
| | (2) Claim reserves | | 9d(2) | |
| | (3) Other reserves | | 9d(3) | |
| e | Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) | | 9e | |

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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| a | Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | 10a | | |
| b | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. | 10b | | |

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? Yes No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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| SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)... Yes No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

RETIREMENT PLAN SOLUTIONS, INC.

56-1762637

| (b) Service Code(s) | (c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 13 | TPA | 126850 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

EMPOWER ANNUITY INS CO OF AMERICA

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

| (b) Service Code(s) | (c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 64 | RECORDKEEPER | 102362 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

THOMAS JUDY & TUCKER, PA

56-1965804

| (b) Service Code(s) | (c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 10 | ACCOUNTANT | 27462 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC

8515 EAST ORCHARD RD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

| (b) Service Code(s) | (c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 28 | INVESTMENT MGT | 7000 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| | | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. | |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
| | | |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. | |
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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| a Name: | b EIN: |
| c Position: | |
| d Address: | e Telephone: |

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| SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> | DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 09/30/2024

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| A Name of plan NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) | 001 |
| C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-0614254 | |

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| Part I | Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs) |
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| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INDEXSELECT AGGRESSIVE 2025 CL R6 | | | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY | | | | |
| c EIN-PN 81-4386547-301 | d Entity code C | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 0 | |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INDEXSELECT CONSERV RTRMNT CL R6 | | | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY | | | | |
| c EIN-PN 81-4499160-310 | d Entity code C | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 0 | |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INDEXSELECT CONSERVATIVE 2025 CL R6 | | | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY | | | | |
| c EIN-PN 81-4509619-311 | d Entity code C | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 0 | |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INDEXSELECT MODERATE RET FUND CL R6 | | | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY | | | | |
| c EIN-PN 81-4430771-000 | d Entity code C | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 0 | |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INDEXSELECT CONSERVATIVE 2045 CL R6 | | | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY | | | | |
| c EIN-PN 81-4532033-313 | d Entity code C | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 0 | |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INDEXSELECT MODERATE 2025 FND CL R6 | | | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY | | | | |
| c EIN-PN 81-4447624-000 | d Entity code C | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 0 | |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INDEXSELECT MODERATE 2045 FND CL R6 | | | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY | | | | |
| c EIN-PN 81-4470950-000 | d Entity code C | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 0 | |

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INDEXSELECT AGGRESSIVE 2055 F CL R6

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| c EIN-PN 81-4393238-000 | d Entity code C | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 0 |
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INDEXSELECT AGGRESSIVE 2035 CL R6

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| c EIN-PN 81-4393238-302 | d Entity code C | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 0 |
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INDEXSELECT CONSERVATIVE 2055 CL R6

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| c EIN-PN 81-4543855-314 | d Entity code C | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 0 |
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INDEXSELECT CONSERVATIVE 2035 CL R6

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| c EIN-PN 81-4515825-312 | d Entity code C | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 0 |
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INDEXSELECT AGGRESSIVE 2045 CL R6

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| c EIN-PN 81-4403657-303 | d Entity code C | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 0 |
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INDEXSELECT MODERATE 2055 CL R6

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| c EIN-PN 81-4484368-000 | d Entity code C | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 0 |
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INDEXSELECT AGGRESSIVE RET FD CL R6

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| c EIN-PN 81-4374798-300 | d Entity code C | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 0 |
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INDEXSELECT MODERATE 2035 CL R6

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| c EIN-PN 81-4457845-000 | d Entity code C | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 0 |
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | |
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | |
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| SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | OMB No. 1210-0110 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection |
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| For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 09/30/2024 | |
| A Name of plan NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-0614254 |

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| Part I | Asset and Liability Statement |
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

| | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Assets | | | |
| a Total noninterest-bearing cash | 1a | 0 | 0 |
| b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | | |
| (1) Employer contributions | 1b(1) | 147791 | 0 |
| (2) Participant contributions | 1b(2) | 45554 | 0 |
| (3) Other | 1b(3) | 0 | 0 |
| c General investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) | 1c(1) | 0 | 0 |
| (2) U.S. Government securities | 1c(2) | 0 | 0 |
| (3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities): | | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(3)(A) | 0 | 0 |
| (B) All other | 1c(3)(B) | 0 | 0 |
| (4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities): | | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(4)(A) | 0 | 0 |
| (B) Common | 1c(4)(B) | 0 | 0 |
| (5) Partnership/joint venture interests | 1c(5) | 0 | 0 |
| (6) Real estate (other than employer real property) | 1c(6) | 0 | 0 |
| (7) Loans (other than to participants) | 1c(7) | 0 | 0 |
| (8) Participant loans | 1c(8) | 0 | 0 |
| (9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) | 20817235 | 0 |
| (10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts | 1c(10) | 0 | 0 |
| (11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts | 1c(11) | 0 | 0 |
| (12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities | 1c(12) | 0 | 0 |
| (13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 1c(13) | 4513237 | 0 |
| (14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) | 1c(14) | 488336 | 0 |
| (15) Other | 1c(15) | 0 | 0 |

| 1d Employer-related investments: | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|-------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities..... | 1d(1) | 0 | 0 |
| (2) Employer real property..... | 1d(2) | 0 | 0 |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation..... | 1e | 0 | 0 |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)..... | 1f | 26012153 | 0 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| g Benefit claims payable..... | 1g | 0 | 0 |
| h Operating payables..... | 1h | 0 | 0 |
| i Acquisition indebtedness..... | 1i | 0 | 0 |
| j Other liabilities..... | 1j | 0 | 0 |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | 1k | 0 | 0 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)..... | 1l | 26012153 | 0 |

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

| Income | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|--|----------|------------|-----------|
| a Contributions: | | | |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers..... | 2a(1)(A) | 1420520 | |
| (B) Participants..... | 2a(1)(B) | 1330433 | |
| (C) Others (including rollovers)..... | 2a(1)(C) | 137419 | |
| (2) Noncash contributions..... | 2a(2) | | |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2)..... | 2a(3) | | 2888372 |
| b Earnings on investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest: | | | |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) | 976 | |
| (B) U.S. Government securities..... | 2b(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments..... | 2b(1)(C) | | |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants)..... | 2b(1)(D) | | |
| (E) Participant loans..... | 2b(1)(E) | | |
| (F) Other..... | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)..... | 2b(1)(G) | | |
| (2) Dividends: | | | |
| (A) Preferred stock..... | 2b(2)(A) | | |
| (B) Common stock..... | 2b(2)(B) | | |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)..... | 2b(2)(C) | | |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C)..... | 2b(2)(D) | | |
| (3) Rents..... | 2b(3) | | |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: | | | |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds..... | 2b(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)..... | 2b(4)(B) | | |
| (C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result..... | 2b(4)(C) | | |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: | | | |
| (A) Real estate..... | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| (B) Other..... | 2b(5)(B) | | |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)..... | 2b(5)(C) | | |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
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| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts | 2b(7) | | |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts | 2b(8) | | |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities | 2b(9) | | |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 2b(10) | | 2969483 |
| c Other income | 2c | | |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2d | | 5858831 |

Expenses

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|---|--------|---------|---------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 1694455 | |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits | 2e(2) | | |
| (3) Other | 2e(3) | | |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) | 2e(4) | | 1694455 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) | 2g | | |
| h Interest expense | 2h | | |
| i Administrative expenses: | | | |
| (1) Salaries and allowances | 2i(1) | | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | | |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees | 2i(3) | 247548 | |
| (4) IQPA audit fees | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees | 2i(5) | | |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees | 2i(6) | | |
| (7) Actuarial fees | 2i(7) | | |
| (8) Legal fees | 2i(8) | | |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees | 2i(9) | | |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses | 2i(10) | | |
| (11) Other expenses | 2i(11) | | |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) | 2i(12) | | 247548 |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 1942003 |

Net Income and Reconciliation

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|---|-------|--|----------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d | 2k | | 3916828 |
| l Transfers of assets: | | | |
| (1) To this plan | 2l(1) | | |
| (2) From this plan | 2l(2) | | 29928981 |

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) Unmodified (2) Qualified (3) Disclaimer (4) Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **THOMAS JUDY & TUCKER**

(2) EIN: **56-1965804**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

| | Yes | No | Amount |
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| a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.) | | X | |
| b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? | X | | 1500000 |
| f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? | | X | |
| g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | | X | |
| h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | | X | |
| i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) | X | | |
| j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.) | | X | |
| k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? | X | | |
| l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? | | X | |
| m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) | | X | |
| n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. | | | |

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? Yes No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

| 5b(1) Name of plan(s) | 5b(2) EIN(s) | 5b(3) PN(s) |
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| NCSFA POOLED EMPLOYER PLAN | 85-0833363 | 403 |
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5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

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| SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | OMB No. 1210-0110 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 09/30/2024

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| A Name of plan <u>NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | <u>001</u> |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>56-0614254</u> | |

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| Part I | Distributions |
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....

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| 1 | | 0 |
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2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):
 EIN(s): 84-0467907

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....

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| Part II | Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.) |
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? Yes No N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

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| 6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) | 6a | |
| b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year | 6b | |
| c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)..... | 6c | |

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?..... Yes No N/A

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? Yes No N/A

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| Part III | Amendments |
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box..... Increase Decrease Both No

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| Part IV | ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part. |
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? Yes No

11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? Yes No

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) Yes No

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? Yes No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

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| a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)..... | 14a | |
| b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)..... | 14b | |
| c The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)..... | 14c | |

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

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| a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year | 15a | |
| b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year | 15b | |

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

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| a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year | 16a | |
| b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers..... | 16b | |

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%
 High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:
 0-5 years 5-10 years 10-15 years 15 years or more

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? Yes No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:
 Yes.
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. Other. Provide explanation: _____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? Yes No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).
 Design-based safe harbor method
 "Prior year" ADP test
 "Current year" ADP test
 N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q703912A.

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| SCHEDULE MEP (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> | MULTIPLE-EMPLOYER RETIREMENT PLAN INFORMATION This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and Section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | OMB No. 1210-0110 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **09/30/2024**

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| A Name of plan NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN | B Three-digit Plan number (PN)..... ▶ | 001 |
| C Plan administrator's name as shown on line 3a of Form 5500/Form 5500-SF NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION | D Administrator's EIN 56-0614254 | |

Part I Type of Multiple-Employer Pension Plan. All multiple-employer pension plans must complete.

1 Check the appropriate box to indicate type of multiple-employer pension plan. (Only defined contribution plans may check lines 1a, 1b, and 1c. Defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans not checking lines 1a, 1b, or 1c should check line 1d. See Instructions).

- a association retirement plan (See 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- b professional employer organization plan (PEO Plan) (See 29 CFR 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- c pooled employer plan (PEP) (See 29 CFR 2510.3-44) (Complete Parts II and III)
- d other multiple-employer pension plan (Describe) _____ (Complete Part II)

Part II Participating Employer Information.

2 All multiple-employer pension plans that are subject to section 210(a) of ERISA (see instructions for filing the Form 5500) must complete Part II, in addition to Part I, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information for each employer participating in the multiple-employer pension plan. Defined contribution plans must complete lines 2a-2d. All other multiple-employer pension plans complete lines 2a-2c only. Complete as many entries as needed to list the required information for each participating employer that is not an individual person (see instructions).

| 2a Name of Participating Employer | 2b EIN | 2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year | 2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer |
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CAUTION Do not individually list information for working owners (see instructions and 29 CFR 2510.3-55(d)(2)) or other individuals who are participants or beneficiaries in the plan or arrangement that are no longer associated with a particular participating employer or participating employer plan (see instructions). Providing identifying information for individuals may result in rejection of this filing. If there are any such individuals in the plan, answer "Yes" to line 2e and provide the total information for all such individuals, without providing names or other identifying information.

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| 2e Does the plan include any individuals not participating through an employer or who are individual working owners? | 2e | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2f If you answer "Yes" in line 2e, enter a good faith estimate of the percentage of total contributions made by all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a during the plan year. | 2f | |
| 2g If you answer "Yes" in Line 2e, enter the aggregate account balances for all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a. | 2g | |

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| Part III | Pooled Employer Plan Information |
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Line 3. All Pooled employer plans must answer all of the questions in Part III, in addition to completing all of Parts I and II.

3a Is the pooled plan provider (identified as the plan sponsor and administrator in Part II of the Form 5500) currently in compliance with the Form PR (Pooled Plan Provider Registration Statement) requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2510.3-44)..... Yes No

3b If line 3a is "Yes", enter the ACK ID for the most recent Form PR that was required to be filed under the Form PR filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid ACK ID will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

ACK ID _____

July 15, 2025

Re: North Carolina State Firefighters' Association Defined Contribution Retirement Plan
Plan: 001
EIN: 56-0614254
PYE: 09/30/2024

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to inform you that the audit for our Plan's Form 5500 is in process but not completed as of July 15, 2025. The audit for the final Plan year will be provided immediately upon completion, and the form will be amended with the audited financials attached.

Regards,

Trustee

Multiple Employer Plan Participating Employer Information
North Carolina State Firemen's Association Defined Contribution Plan EIN 56-0614254 PN 001

| Name of Participating Employer | EIN | Percent of Total | Aggregate Account |
|--|------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | | Contributions for Plan Year | Balances at End of Year Attributable to Participating Employer |
| Arcadia-Reedy Creek-Hampton Fire Rescue Department | 23-7357525 | 0.94% | 0.00 |
| Barnardsville Volunteer Fire Department Incorporated | 56-1141358 | 3.20% | 0.00 |
| Battleboro Community Volunteer Fire Department | 56-1384115 | 0.08% | 0.00 |
| Benhaven Emergency Services, Inc. | 56-1330747 | 0.70% | 0.00 |
| Bunn Rural Fire Association, Inc. | 56-6065125 | 0.37% | 0.00 |
| Center Pigeon Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. | 56-1597114 | 0.48% | 0.00 |
| Coats Grove Fire & Rescue, Inc. | 23-7443043 | 0.59% | 0.00 |
| Colington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. | 56-1391015 | 0.32% | 0.00 |
| Courtney Fire Department | 56-1242352 | 0.14% | 0.00 |
| Down East Fire Department, Inc. | 56-1476409 | 0.65% | 0.00 |
| Dunn Emergency Services, Inc. | 56-1387972 | 3.34% | 0.00 |
| East Side Volunteer Fire Protection Association, Inc. | 56-2182838 | 0.71% | 0.00 |
| Edneyville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc. | 56-1195297 | 2.81% | 0.00 |
| Fairview Rural Fire Department, Inc. | 56-1394900 | 10.45% | 0.00 |
| Gray's Creek Fire Department Twenty-Four | 56-1791264 | 0.20% | 0.00 |
| Hasty Fire & Rescue Department | 56-0941508 | 0.22% | 0.00 |
| Hemby Bridge Volunteer Fire Department | 56-1144463 | 2.05% | 0.00 |
| Henderson County Rescue Squad, Inc. | 23-7011493 | 1.53% | 0.00 |
| Horneytown Volunteer Fire Department | 58-1426457 | 0.03% | 0.00 |
| Hudlow Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. | 56-0614254 | 0.06% | 0.00 |
| Lake Norman Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department | 56-1389507 | 1.50% | 0.00 |
| Lake Toxaway Volunteer Fire Rescue, Inc. | 56-1533185 | 0.42% | 0.00 |
| Leicester Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. | 56-1123100 | 1.84% | 0.00 |
| Lewisville Fire Department, Inc. | 56-7400562 | 3.36% | 0.00 |
| Linville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. | 56-0614254 | 0.12% | 0.00 |
| Locke Township Fire Department | 56-6058578 | 1.64% | 0.00 |
| Mills River Fire & Rescue Department, Inc. | 56-1120110 | 1.30% | 0.00 |
| Mountain Home Fire and Rescue Department, Inc. | 56-1123099 | 3.17% | 0.00 |
| Mountain View Fire Department of Catawba County | 56-1733557 | 0.23% | 0.00 |
| North Carolina State Firefighters' Association | 56-0614254 | 3.53% | 0.00 |
| North Central Alamance Fire Department | 56-1343249 | 0.11% | 0.00 |
| Oak City Emergency Medical Services | 26-0478539 | 0.07% | 0.00 |
| Pender EMS & Fire | 81-0567043 | 11.23% | 0.00 |
| The Piney Grove Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc. | 23-7445483 | 1.06% | 0.00 |
| Puppy Creek Fire Department, Inc. | 01-0824559 | 1.38% | 0.00 |
| Reems Creek Fire Department | 56-1208054 | 3.91% | 0.00 |
| Reynolds Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. | 56-1388115 | 1.66% | 0.00 |
| Riceville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. | 58-1318017 | 1.28% | 0.00 |
| Saluda Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Inc. | 56-1455041 | 0.71% | 0.00 |
| Smith Grove Fire Department | 56-1247097 | 0.17% | 0.00 |
| Spout Springs Emergency Services | 23-7228447 | 4.29% | 0.00 |
| Stoney Point Fire Department, Inc. | 58-1410269 | 0.60% | 0.00 |
| Swannanoa Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc. | 56-1184138 | 2.55% | 0.00 |
| Sweponville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. | 57-0686284 | 0.42% | 0.00 |
| Town of Columbus Fire Department | 56-1936655 | 0.06% | 0.00 |
| The Upper Hominy Volunteer Fire & Rescue Dept., Inc. | 56-1645319 | 3.28% | 0.00 |
| Valley Hill Fire & Rescue | 56-1174534 | 8.71% | 0.00 |
| Wallburg Fire and Rescue, Inc. | 58-1736987 | 0.71% | 0.00 |
| Waxhaw Volunteer Fire Department | 56-1360319 | 3.58% | 0.00 |
| Woodfin Volunteer Fire Department | 56-1094552 | 4.72% | 0.00 |
| Yadkinville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. | 52-1778268 | 0.07% | 0.00 |

Multiple Employer Plan Participating Employer Information
North Carolina State Firemen's Association Defined Contribution Plan EIN 56-0614254 PN 001

| Name of Participating Employer | EIN | Percent of Total Contributions for Plan Year | Aggregate Account Balances at End of Year Attributable to Participating Employer |
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| Arcadia-Reedy Creek-Hampton Fire Rescue Department | 23-7357525 | 0.94% | 0.00 |
| Youngsville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. | 56-1257965 | 3.46% | 0.00 |

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 09/30/2024

- A This return/report is for: [] a multiemployer plan [X] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) [] a single-employer plan [] a DFE (specify) [] the first return/report [X] the final return/report [] an amended return/report [X] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months) C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. [] D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [] automatic extension [] the DFVC program [] special extension (enter description) E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. []

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2012
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): North Carolina State Firefighters' Association
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 56-0614254
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 919-821-2132
2d Business code (see instructions): 624200

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature, Date, and Name. Row 1: Barry Overman, 7/14/2025, Barry Overman. Row 2: Signature of employer/plan sponsor, Date, Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor. Row 3: Signature of DFE, Date, Enter name of individual signing as DFE.

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| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor | 3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name | 4b EIN 4d PN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: right;">868</td> </tr> </table> | 5 | 868 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested | <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:10%;"></td> <td style="width:10%;"></td> <td style="width:80%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6a(1)</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">868</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6a(2)</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6b</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6c</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6d</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6e</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6f</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6g(1)</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">844</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6g(2)</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6h</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> </table> | | | | 6a(1) | | 868 | 6a(2) | | 00 | 6b | | 00 | 6c | | 00 | 6d | | 0 | 6e | | 00 | 6f | | 0 | 6g(1) | | 844 | 6g(2) | | 0 | 6h | | 0 |
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| 7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)..... | <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;">7</td> <td style="width:90%;"></td> </tr> </table> | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D 2U

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

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| 9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1) **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (4) **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

July 15, 2025

Re: North Carolina State Firefighters' Association Defined Contribution Retirement Plan
Plan: 001
EIN: 56-0614254
PYE: 09/30/2024

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to inform you that the audit for our Plan's Form 5500 is in process but not completed as of July 15, 2025. The audit for the final Plan year will be provided immediately upon completion, and the form will be amended with the audited financials attached.

Regards,

Trustee