



## Chapter 7

February 4, 2009

Dear TEAM Members,

Thank you all for being part of the greatest TEAM in Missouri. As a group we have a tremendous impact in our state and in the workplace, we have clearly demonstrated that this year. As a TEAM we have accomplished in just the last three years:

### **2006**

TEAM joined forces with MoDOT and got legislation passed that imposes an automatic \$10,000.00 fine for hitting a worker in a work zone.

### **2007**

Through lobbying and hard work, legislation was passed that allows employees to buy back prior service with a municipality at one-third the existing cost.

### **2008**

TEAM lobbied legislators (Strike a Match Campaign) to increase HB1229 that was originally written for \$75.00 and had remained budgeted at \$25.00 for nine years increased to \$35.00.

It is our goal to not let the fire go out on the Deferred Comp campaign, but to continue to push for the entire \$75.00 dollars. We have had some favorable comments from Representative Ray Salva that the house is continuing to try to push forward on increasing Deferred Comp another \$15.00 dollars this upcoming fiscal year. Let us not drop the ball on this and continue calling and writing our representatives in Jefferson City.

Also attached is a Designation of Beneficiary Card. Please take a moment and update the information on this card. Please return your updated card to Debby Lioubinski in human resources. This is for the \$1,000 accidental death insurance benefit we all receive as TEAM members.

At this time there are two critical matters that you need to know about. A retirement-related bill, which could potentially impact some of our Association members, was introduced last month. HB347 would prohibit the use of overtime in the calculation of a retirement annuity for members of MOSERS as well as MPERS. Rep. Charlie Schlottach filed the bill. Please watch this bill and call your representatives to voice your opinion. Also on MPers website it states that our retirement system is under funded (we are currently funded to 55.5%) and has been on a watch list for some time now. I will continue to monitor this issue and keep you updated.

This coming year my hopes are to work harder for you and to continue all the good work that our previous president has started. If there is anything you would like to discuss with me please feel free to contact me anytime. I am honored to be your president and represent District 7.

*Dee Dee Powell*