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SENATOR BOURNE: Good. Is the money paid only upon

retirement,...

SENATOR FRIEND: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...after they've served a number of years as a

volunteer firefighter?

SENATOR FRIEND: That...yes, that's my understanding.

SENATOR BOURNE: And do you know how many years that is that an individual would have to participate on a constant basis in

order to become eligible to receive some of these funds?

SENATOR FRIEND: I believe the language is ten, but I believe 65 is also the age where, if you will, that money would be appropriated.

SENATOR BOURNE: And is it...are the monies...are there any

state contributions to this program?

SENATOR FRIEND: No.

SENATOR BOURNE: It's all a locality, ...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...municipality?

SENATOR FRIEND: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Do you know how many municipalities or cities or villages have set up such a...I guess it's a service award benefit program? Do you know how many communities have done this?

SENATOR FRIEND: Senator, I should have that information here, and I don't. Call it a learning experience.