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[2024 PTSD & Wellness Retreat](#)

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## ONLINE TRAINING

[16 Hour Online CTP Course](#)

[8 Hour Online Training](#)

## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

**2024 IPPFA Illinois Pension Conference**  
*May 8th - 10th, 2024*



**Eagle Ridge Resort**  
444 Eagle Ridge Drive  
Galena, IL 61036

[\*\*Register Here\*\*](#)

[\*\*Hotel Information\*\*](#)

## CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

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### **Heroes Family Fund Spring Golf Outing**

*May 7th, 2024*



**Eagle Ridge Golf Club | The North Course**  
400 Eagle Ridge Drive  
Galena, IL 61036

[Register Now](#)

*Please note the golf outing is separate event from the 2024 Illinois Pension Conference.*

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Certified Trustee Program 24-1**

*April 2nd - 3rd, 2024*





**NIU Outreach Campus - Naperville**  
1120 East Diehl Road  
Naperville, IL 60563

[Register Now](#)

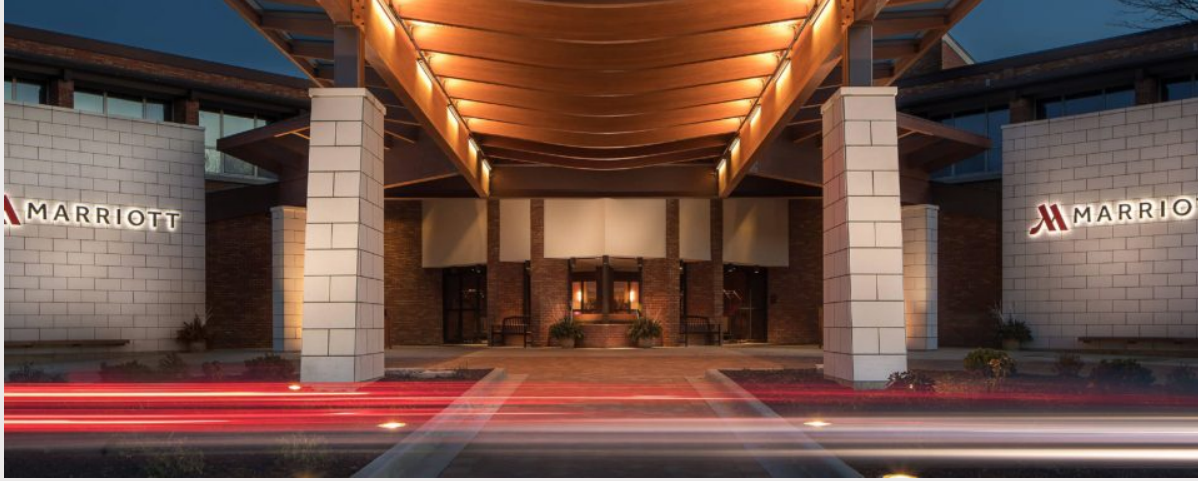
**2024 PTSD & Wellness Retreat**  
*June 2nd - 4th, 2024*



**Grand Geneva Resort & Spa**  
7030 Grand Geneva Way  
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

[Register Now](#)

**2024 IPPFA MidAmerican Pension Conference**  
*September 25th - 27th, 2024*



### **Marriott Lincolnshire Resort**

10 Marriott Drive  
Lincolnshire, IL 60069

*More information coming soon.*

## **NEW IPPFA APP AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD!**



### *Free new app helps Illinois' public safety, teachers, and municipal employees track retirement benefits*

A free new app developed by the Illinois Public Pension Fund Association (IPPFA) will allow active firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency services personnel, Chicago teachers, and employees covered by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) to track their anticipated pension benefits and receive important information that can help with future financial and tax planning.

The IPPFA Pension Participant App is now available for free download from Google and Apple app stores.

"This new app will help these public employees to better understand what benefits they are entitled to and how to maximize those benefits and plan tax strategy to have a successful retirement," said IPPFA President Jim McNamee. "The app allows employees to access this information any time, anywhere and it will feature the latest updates for pension systems in which the employees are enrolled."

The IPPFA Pension Participant App was developed for active pension participants in downstate police and fire systems, the Chicago police and fire systems, Chicago teachers, and IMRF covered employees. The app contains the pension codes of the systems and provides detail on members' well-earned benefits, including pensions, Social Security, Section 457 deferred compensation and retirement healthcare funding. Section 457 plans are the local government equivalent of 401(k)



plans.

"Retirement peace of mind is now just a screen tap away for thousands of public employees," McNamee said.

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## IPPFA RETIREMENT GUIDE

### *UPDATED FOR 2023* **Retirement Guide for Illinois Downstate Fire and Police Active and Retired Members**

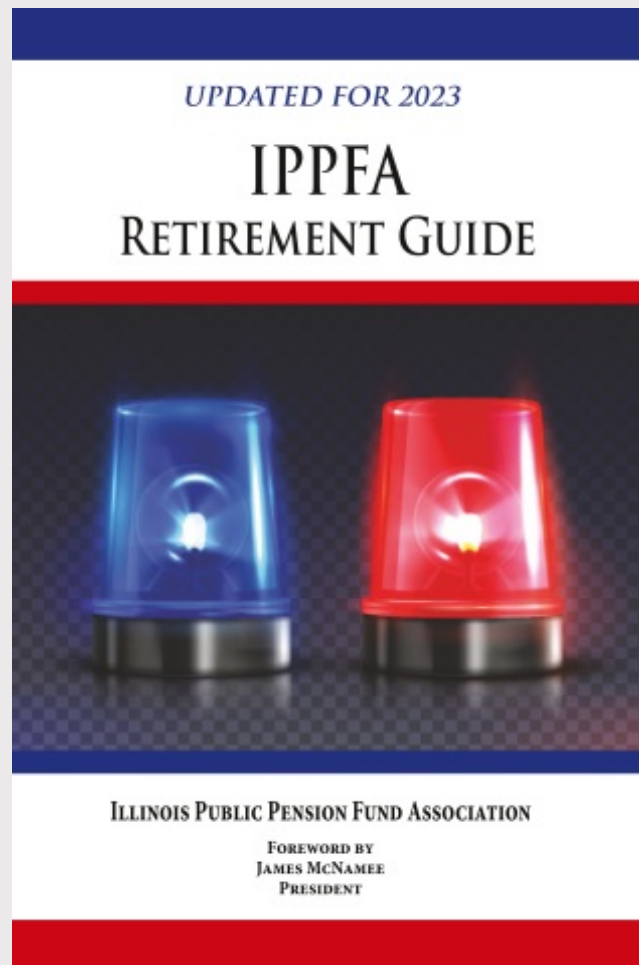
IPPFA is pleased to announce the publication of the *IPPFA Retirement Guide*.

The *IPPFA Retirement Guide* is written for anyone who serves or have served in Illinois as police officers and firefighters under the “downstate” Article 3 and Article 4 pension systems. The book provides both an overview and substantial detail on their well-earned benefits, including:

- Article 3 Police Pensions
- Article 4 Fire Pensions
- Social Security, for personnel both covered and not-covered at police/fire
- Public Employee Deferred Compensation
- Retirement Healthcare Funding Plans

Understanding these income sources is key for your members to plan and execute a successful retirement.

The book is available on Amazon.com for \$9.99 but is offered for bulk sale at \$7.50 to IPPFA Member Pension Funds (and their municipalities, fire districts unions, and foreign, fire insurance boards). This is a great price for any pension fund or related entity that wants to keep their membership informed on their retirement benefits. A minimum order of 10 books is required for bulk sale. Non-member organizations may purchase the book in bulk for \$9.00 per copy.



*\*Payment must be by check and accompany the order\**

## NEWS LINKS

[New book serves as guide for active and retired Chicago police and fire employees](#)

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[Medicare Recipients Could Save Big on Drugs This Year](#)

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