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[2025 IPPFA Heroes Family Fund Golf Outing](#)

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[2025 MidAmerican Pension Conference](#)

ONLINE TRAINING

[16 Hour Online CTP Course](#)

[8 Hour Online Seminar \(2025\)](#)

A Message from IPPFA President, James McNamee



As we gear up for our upcoming conferences, I can't stress enough the value of in-person training. The networking and relationships you build at these events add tremendous value. What one board is dealing with, another may have already faced. Learning from each other and discussing ideas with fellow trustees strengthens us all.

Beyond networking, staying informed about legislative changes is just as crucial. This year, there are significant developments, including potential legislation that could impact us. One piece of good news is that a long-awaited change means our Social Security benefits will no longer be reduced by our pensions. That legislation had been pushed for years to ensure public employees receive the benefits they paid into. As the saying goes, "*All good things come to those who wait.*" Well, we waited a long time, but it finally arrived.

In addition to legislative updates, we're also closely watching shifts in international trade policies, including the imposition of tariffs on many imported goods. These changes will lead to economic adjustments but may also create opportunities for industries that previously moved their manufacturing overseas. It's a wait-and-see situation, and we'll be monitoring its effects.

We'll be discussing these topics—along with global geopolitical risks and security issues—at our upcoming events. Don't miss out on these important discussions—see you there!

Sincerely,

HEROES FAMILY FUND

Remembering Sergeant Daniel Figgins



St. Charles Police Department
End of Watch: Saturday, April 9, 2005

The Heroes Family Fund recognizes and remembers Sergeant Daniel Figgins for his 27 years of dedicated service to his community. His commitment to protecting and serving others was evident throughout his career, and his contributions will not be forgotten.

In the early hours of Saturday, April 9th, while responding to a call, Sergeant Figgins began pursuing a suspect on foot. During the pursuit, he suffered a fatal heart attack. Fellow officers arrived to find him unresponsive, and he was transported to the hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

His passing was a great loss to those who worked alongside him and to the community he served so faithfully. Though he is no longer with us, his impact remains through the many lives he touched. His service and sacrifice will always be honored and remembered.

Join Us in Supporting the Heroes Family Fund

Help us honor Sergeant Figgins and others like him by contributing to the Heroes Family Fund. Your generosity ensures that we can continue supporting the families of our fallen heroes in their time of need.

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UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

2025 Heroes Family Fund Charity Golf Outing
Tuesday, May 6th, 2025



Eagle Ridge Golf Club - The North Course
444 Eagle Ridge Drive
Galena, IL 61036

REGISTER NOW

All proceeds go to the Heroes Family Fund.

The Heroes Family Fund is a recognized 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization.

[Golf Opportunities](#)

Join us on the course for our charity golf outing! Sponsorship opportunities are available—a great way to support a worthy cause while connecting with industry leaders in a relaxed, fun setting.

[Golf Sponsorships](#)

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: **2025 PTSD First Responders Retreat** *June 8 - 11, 2025*



The Abbey Resort
269 Fontana Blvd.
Fontana-On-Geneva Lake, WI 53125

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[Rooming Information](#)

[Wellness Retreat Opportunities](#)

The Heroes Family Fund Wellness Retreat Scholarship helps active and retired first responders attend the retreat with financial assistance. Apply for yourself, nominate someone, or become a sponsor to support this important cause.

[Sponsorship Information](#)

Scholarship Information

UPCOMING PENSION TRUSTEE TRAININGS

NOW SOLD OUT! Secure a Spot on the Waitlist Today!

2025 Illinois Pension Conference

May 7 - 9, 2025



Eagle Ridge Resort

444 Eagle Ridge Drive

Galena, IL 61036

Join Waitlist

Rooming Information

Conference Opportunities

Looking to showcase your organization at our conference? Explore our exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities! Gain exposure, connect with key decision-makers, and make a lasting impact. Spaces are limited!

Exhibitor Information

Sponsorship Information

2025 MidAmerican Pension Conference

October 1 - 2, 2025



Oak Brook Hills Resort
3500 Midwest Rd.
Oak Brook, IL 60523

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The IPPFA Retirement Guide - 3rd Edition

Social Security Fairness Act Big Changes for Illinois Fire and Police!



The Social Security Fairness Act was signed into law on **January 5th**. This law increases benefits for fire and police personnel who have pensions from work that is not covered by Social Security. This affects the majority of Illinois “Downstate” fire and police. The law also repealed the Government Pension Offset that reduced or eliminated limited benefits that a police officer or firefighter might earn from a spouse’s Social Security record. IPPFA will schedule updates on this law via our [YouTube](#) channel and at our [2025 conferences and seminars](#).

The IPPFA Retirement Guide – 3rd Edition

The best source of information on the newly expanded Social Security benefits is the **3rd Edition of the IPPFA Retirement Guide**.

The Social Security chapter has been **totally rewritten**. In addition, the book has been updated with the latest information on:

- Article 3 police pensions
- Article 4 fire pensions
- Public employee deferred compensation
- Retirement healthcare funding

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Whatever the method, let's get the word out to our active and retired members on their new Social Security benefits.

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