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IPPPA RETIREMENT GUIDE

New Book Illinois Downstate Fire and Police Active and Retired Members

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

The *IPPPA 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

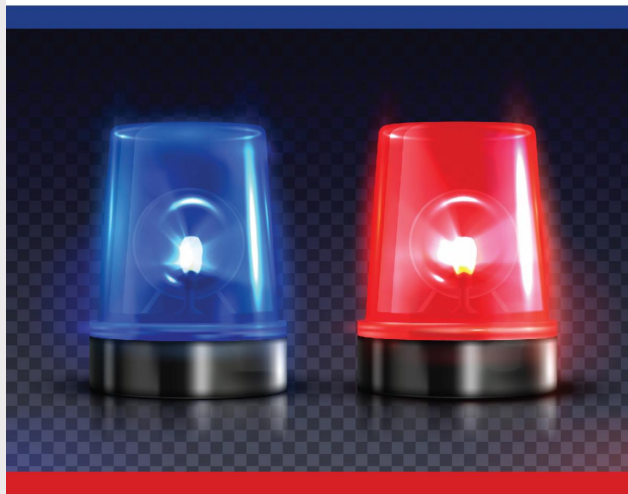
Understanding these income sources is key for your members to plan and execute a successful retirement.

The book is available on Amazon.com for \$9.99 but is offered for bulk sale at \$7.50 to IPPPA 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

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TRANSFERS OF SERVICE

Important – Time Sensitive Information

The governor has signed four bills that provide for transfer of service. They are:

- (a) Article 7 IMRF or SLEP to Article 3 Police Pension Funds;
- (b) Article 3 Police to Article 4 Fire and;
- (c) Article 4 Fire to Article 14 State Employees (SERS) for arson investigators.
- (d) Article 5 Chicago PD to Article 3 Police.

These are all “time sensitive” with deadlines, so interested persons should act quickly.

Public Act 102-0113 – Transfer from Article 7 (IMRF/SLEP) to Article 3 Downstate Police. You may read the entire public act by clicking on the below link. This change allows persons who served in certain IMRF or SLEP covered positions to transfer that service to Article 3 police pension plans. The positions must have been as a sheriff’s law enforcement employee, a person employed by a participating municipality to perform police duties or a full-time law enforcement officer for a forest preserve district.

It is our understanding that IMRF is interpreting “police duties” to be those duties performed by sworn law enforcement officers (i.e., not community service officers or

9-1-1 dispatchers).

The transfer computation is complicated and may be expensive for the member. A refund of any contribution must be repaid to IMRF plus 6% interest. IMRF will pay that amount plus a duplicate amount (representing the employer share) to the Article 3 Fund. The member must then pay to the Article 3 fund the difference between the contribution rate paid to IMRF (usually either 4.5% or 7.5% or pay) and the Article 3 Police contribution rate (usually 9.91), plus 6% interest. This may result in a fairly high-dollar payment amount being required.

To affect the transfer, an interested party should begin the process at IMRF but also notify their local police pension board. Information on the transfer is now on the IMRF website and includes a form for submission to IMRF.

It is important that this process be started as soon as possible, as there is currently a six-month window which ends on January 23, 2022. IPPFA will discuss a possible extension of this deadline when the legislature reconvenes in the Fall, but an extension cannot be guaranteed.

Article 3 Police Pension Boards should consult with their attorney or pension administration firm regarding the mechanisms that need to be in place to accept this service.

Public Act 102-0113

Public Act 102-0063, Transfer from Article 3 Downstate Police to Article 4 Downstate Fire. You may read the entire bill by clicking on the below link. This change allows persons who have Article 3 police service to transfer that credit to an Article 4 fire fund. Up to eight (8) years of service provided that the active member was not subject to disciplinary action at the time that police service was terminated. A person wishing to make such a transfer will have to pay back any refund of contributions plus interest.

In turn, the Article 3 police fund will pay to the Article 4 fire fund the member's contributions, another amount equal to the member's contributions, plus any interest paid by the member to reinstate police service prior to the transfer. There is no other "true up" or any other type of payment required from the member.

The accounting and pension administration firm of Lauterbach and Amen has developed a form for former police officers to use to initiate the process of transferring the credit. It may be accessed at their website lauterbachamen.com, then click on "pension" and then the Article 3 to Article 4 Transfer form.

This process must be completed within six months after July 9, 2021.

Public Act 102-0063

Public Act 102-0210 – Transfer from Article 3 Police to State Employee Retirement System for Arson Investigators. This is a very limited change which

must be applied for by January 30, 2022. Interested parties should contact the State SERS system for information.

Public Act 102-0342 – Transfer from Article 5 CHICAGO Police to Article 3 Downstate Police. This change represents an opportunity to transfer up to 5 years of active service from the Article 5 Chicago police system to the Article 3 Downstate Police. Most importantly, the member must pay the full cost of the service to the Article 3 Downstate Police; Chicago PABF will not transfer any money other than the member's contributions. The deadline for applying to an Article 3 police fund for this transfer is December 31, 2023. Interested persons need to contact Chicago PABF for a "work history" report and confirmation that a refund has been processed. The member then applies to the Article 3 fund for transfer. The Article 3 fund will calculate the full amount due. Note that the member must complete 10 years of actual service at the Article 3 fund.

Public Act 102-0342

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