### **December 2020 IPPFA Newsletter**



# **NEWS AND LINKS**

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Pandemic Recessions and Contact Tracing
Potential DOJ Changes Under a Biden Administration 11/20/20
Turmoil at Chicago Teachers fund involves top staffers
Transatlantic Trade: US and Europe – Week of November 9, 2020
Highlights from the SEC Division of Enforcement 2020 Annual Report
This Week In Securities Litigation (Week of November16, 2020)
SEC Staff Seek Feedback on Definition of "Qualified Custodian"
Forecasters project long-term deficits, growing bill backlog



On December 18, 2019, Governor J.B. Pritzker signed SB 1300, making it Public Act 101-0610. This act will consolidate all Article 3 and 4 pension fund's investment assets. Under Public Act 101-0610, current pension trustees are now required to obtain 4-hours of **consolidation transition training**. IPPFA is now offering this training online with the cooperation of the Brookfield Fire Pension Fund and Northern Illinois University.

**Register Now** 

#### Police and Fire Retirees:

IPPFA is researching the topic of public safety retirees "second careers" and will add this subject to future training sessions. To assist us, we are asking retirees to participate in a brief survey. If you are a fire or police retiree, please click the below link and complete our survey. Pension Trustees: please consider forwarding this email to your retired members to allow them to participate.

Take the survey

## IPPFA INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

The Illinois Public Pension Fund Association (IPPFA) is pleased to offer the Individual Associate Membership to both active and retired police officers and firefighters at a cost of **\$25 per year**.

Benefits of this membership include a monthly newsletter, legislative outreach for retirement benefit concerns, and retirement and financial wellness training.

Additionally, we are offering benefits and services for your personal needs that you can enroll in, such as:

- Long Term Care
- Individual Medical Insurance
- <u>Medicare Supplements and Prescription Drug Coverage for Medicare Eligible Members</u>
- Auto and Home Insurance
- Life Insurance
- IPPFA Dental and Vision Plan
- <u>Wills and Trust Services</u>
  - This service is offered through Mike Corrigan with Legacy Lock
  - Having Your Estate Planning Documents in Place is More Important than Ever

To apply for membership, please fill out the application (click <u>here</u> for a fillable application).

Once completed, you can email it to <u>special-events@ippfa.org</u>, or mail it to the IPPFA Office.

Join Today!

For more information, please visit our webpage at: <u>https://ippfa.org/membership/individual-associate-membership/</u>

If you have any questions on the IPPFA Individual Associate Membership, please feel free to call our office.

### **SAVING BLUE LIVES**





#### Saving Blue Lives through Training on PTSD, Suicide, Resilience, and Peer Support

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, all two-day trainings will be held online via Zoom on the following days:

December 17-18, 2020 | 8:00am - 4:00pm

**Register Here** 

The Illinois Public Pension Fund Association (IPPFA) and Northern Illinois University have teamed up to develop a program to assist active and retired police officers, fire/ems responders and 9-1-1 operators in expanding their knowledge of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, as it effects emergency workers. This program, "Saving Blue Lives through Training on PTSD, Suicide, Resilience and Peer Support," is offered at no-cost to those attending.

First responders are routinely exposed to critical incidents involving exposure to injury or death in others, as well as the risk of injury or death to themselves. Research shows, and those in the profession intuitively know, that individual incidents and accumulated exposure can adversely affect the mental and physical health of those involved.

#### This no-cost program will include :

- Learning the symptoms of PTSD
- Conditions that often present with PTSD, such as depression and substance abuse
- Identifying ways to bolster resistance
- Suicide and conditions such as PTSD
- Methods for dealing with PTSD without the help of a mental health professional
- Effective treatments with the help of a mental health professional

NIU has received a grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for a demonstration project. This allows NIU and the IPPFA to develop and sponsor two-day seminars on PTSD awareness and dealing with this condition. The seminars will be conducted by a qualified mental healthcare professional, along with the assistance of experienced sworn personnel with substantial careers in emergency response and investigations.

**Register Here** 

# **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**



Online Certified Trustee Program





Online Classes

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