# November 2020 IPPFA Newsletter



# ATTENTION ACTIVE OFFICERS IN ARTICLE 3 POLICE PENSION FUNDS

The election for active officer representatives to the board of trustees for the Illinois Police Officer Pension Investment Fund is fast approaching. Officers should start receiving ballots next week. The ballots are being mailed to your respective departments. Please be on the lookout for these ballots. This is a very important election because these are your representatives on this board, which will be overseeing the investing of your pension dollars. Only active officers working at departments within the Article 3 pension system are eligible to vote and each officer has the opportunity to vote for 3 candidates. Along with the ballots, each officer will receive candidate statements from all 6 candidates and a self-addressed prepaid return envelope. The ballots are due back by December 1, 2020. Please be aware, the election is being administered by a 3rd party company based in Minnesota.

The IPPFA has opposed consolidation since the beginning and we worked to promote alternative concepts and polices we believed could benefit funds and municipalities without having to consolidate. The IPPFA was not alone in opposing consolidation. PBPA (Police Benevolent & Protective Association), MAP (Metropolitan Alliance of Police), ICOPs (Illinois Council of Police) and APPO (Association of Professional Police Officers) all joined with the IPPFA to oppose this action taken by state lawmakers. Despite our best efforts, consolidation was passed. We echo the sentiment of many officers across the state when we say this is not the ideal situation we would like to be in. But if there is one thing we know about the fine officers in this state, it is that they are adaptable. We as police officers are used to being thrown into less than ideal situations which require us to adapt and overcome. With that being said, IPPFA is proud to come together once again with PBPA, MAP, ICOPs and APPO to endorse Lee Catavu (Aurora PD), Shawn Curry (Peoria PD) and Paul Swanlund (Bloomington PD). Lee, Shawn, and Paul bring with them a wealth of on the job experience as well as experience serving as pension fund trustees. Lee, Shawn, and Paul have also served or are serving on their respective union boards. The record of service to not only their communities, but the officers on their departments is why the IPPFA, PBPA, MAP, ICOPs and APPO feel these three candidates are the most qualified to serve on the board of trustees for the Illinois Police Officer Pension Investment Fund.



# **VOTE TO PROTECT YOUR PENSION!**

# -BALLOTS WILL ARRIVE IN THE MAIL IN EARLY NOVEMBER -BALLOTS ARE DUE DECEMBER 1!





### SHAWN CURRY

- -24 YEAR LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER
- -2019 PUBLIC PENSION FUND ASSOC. PERSON OF THE YEAR
- -DEDICATED DEFENDER OF POLICE PENSIONS





## LEE CATAVU

- -16 YEAR LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER
- -AURORA POLICE PENSION FUND BOARD
- -DEDICATED DEFENDER OF POLICE PENSIONS





# PAUL SWANLUND

- -17 YEAR LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER
- -PRESIDENT, BLOOMINGTON POLICE PENSION BOARD
- -DEDICATED DEFENDER OF POLICE PENSIONS

## ENDORSED BY THE DEFENDERS OF POLICE AND THEIR PENSIONS:











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Click here to view the officers' full bios.

# **NEWS AND LINKS**

The Debate Over Defunding the Police

Why We Need to Pay Attention to Police Officers' Mental Health

2021 Cost of Living Adjustments for Retirement Plans

Can you pass this retirement literacy quiz?



THREE WAYS YOU CAN FIGHT FOR RETIREMENT SECURITY DURING NATIONAL RETIREMENT SECURITY WEEK (AND BEYOND)

Northern District Of Illinois Dismisses A Putative Securities Class Action Alleging Failure To Disclose Fraudulent Channel Stuffing In Connection With A Merger Of Two Large Packaged Foods Companies

ESG Investing and Public Pensions: An Update

Amazon's Massive Chicago-Area Expansion Was Fueled By \$741 Million From Taxpayers

The Fed Saved the Economy but Is Threatening Trillions of Dollars Worth of Middle-Class Retirement

2 Cook County pension funds stick with Callan as investment consultant

<u>Illinois State Board re-enlists Meketa as investment consultant</u>

Cook County plans scouting for custodian

SEC Updates Rules on Auditor Independence

The Trump and Biden Tax Plans Compared

<u>Transatlantic Trade: US and Europe - Week of October 19, 2020</u>

Milwaukee city fund sues Allianz over investment losses

Trump Signs New Executive Order On Prescription Drug Prices

Congressional investigation reveals Celgene, Teva plotted to keep drug prices high

Elder Fraud: A Focus for the SEC and DOJ

IMA's 2020 U.S. Salary Survey

Education, Hospitals, Police Protection are Largest Government Employment Categories

Pandemic's Toll on Public Pension Plans

Cognitive Decline Meets COVID-19 Scams

Coronavirus: The Hill and the Headlines, October 20 2020

Local governments are hurting during the pandemic. When will it hit your property taxes?

Washington Healthcare Update

Election 2020: A Win-Win For The Municipal Bond Market?

Employee Benefits in the Supreme Court

Supreme Court weighs tackling Northwestern 403(b) fee case

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

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

Once completed, you can email it to <a href="mailto:special-events@ippfa.org">special-events@ippfa.org</a>, or mail it to the IPPFA Office.

Join Today!

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

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:

November 4-5, 2020 | 8:00am - 4:00pm

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



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.

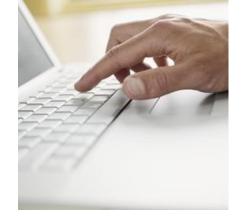
Register Here

# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Online Certified Trustee Program





Online Classes

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