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## UPCOMING PENSION TRUSTEE TRAININGS

### 2026 Illinois Pension Conference

*April 29 - May 1, 2026*



Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa

444 Eagle Ridge Drive  
Galena, IL 61036

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**REGISTRATION OPENING SOON**

## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Are you an expert in pension administration, governance, or fiduciary responsibilities? We're seeking engaging speakers to share insights and expertise. This is a great opportunity to educate public pension trustees while showcasing your knowledge.

Participation in a presentation at the conference is prioritized for **IPPFA Corporate Sponsors**. If additional speakers are needed, IPPFA Corporate Affiliates will be considered. Please be aware that your membership dues must be current for 2026 before we can consider your proposal.

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[Submit Your Proposal](#)

***Submission Deadline: February 6, 2026***

## HEROES FAMILY FUND

**Heroes Spotlight: Officer Jim Morrissey**



## **Oak Forest Police Department End of Watch: March 17, 2014**

Police Officer Jim Morrissey was killed in the line of duty when his patrol vehicle was struck while he was responding to assist another officer on a domestic dispute call. He was transported to Advocate Christ Medical Center, where he later succumbed to his injuries.

Officer Morrissey dedicated more than 30 years of service to the Oak Forest Police Department. His long-standing commitment to public safety and to the community he served will not be forgotten.

### **Join Us in Supporting the Heroes Family Fund**

Help us honor Officer Morrissey 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 FUNDRAISER:**  
**Heroes Family Fund Spring Golf Outing**  
*April 28th, 2026*



**North Golf Course - Eagle Ridge Resort**

400 Eagle Ridge Drive  
Galena, IL 61036

## Introducing Our New Feature: Trustee Tribute

We're excited to introduce a new section in our newsletter - **Trustee Tribute**, created to honor the long-serving pension trustees who have dedicated years of service, leadership, and commitment to their pension fund.

Each edition, Trustee Tribute will spotlight one trustee whose exceptional service and accomplishments deserve recognition.

**Do you know someone who should be featured? We invite you to submit a nomination including the following:**

- Trustee's name
- A photo (high-resolution preferred)
- Years of service on the board
- A few highlights or stories that make this trustee stand out

**Please send nominations to Julie Guy at [Julie.guy@ippfa.org](mailto:Julie.guy@ippfa.org)**

## EXPERT INSIGHTS

Each month in *Expert Insights*, IPPFA features timely tools, commentary, and resources from our trusted network of corporate members, attorneys, and subject-matter experts. These contributions reflect their deep commitment to strengthening Illinois' public pension community.

**Are you a corporate member or legal professional with insights to share?**

Share your expertise in a future Expert Insights feature and connect with the IPPFA community.

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### 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**.

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- Article 4 fire pensions
- Public employee deferred compensation

- Retirement healthcare funding

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