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# Police & Fire Retirees of Ohio, Inc.

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## 2009 Dues Notice

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Dear Members,

It's February already and Spring is almost here! It's time to submit your **2009 dues**. At our October Annual Membership Meeting, the membership voted to start sending out our newsletters via email to our members. This will allow us to communicate to you faster and save money on postage. Please make sure we have your current email address to avoid any delay in this process. Email us at [pfro@pfro.com](mailto:pfro@pfro.com) or visit our web site at [www.pfro.com](http://www.pfro.com) on our "Contact Us" page to update your email address.

The annual "**Playball**" season is upon us once again. We are excited to announce that on **August 1st, 2009**, "Playball" will be at the new home of the Columbus Clipper's "**Huntington Park**" in downtown Columbus, against the Gwinnett Braves (Triple-A Affiliate of the Atlanta Braves). Please join us at the new stadium for a great time. We will be sending out further information in our newsletter and mailing tickets to you in May. We look forward to seeing you there.

In July 2008, *PFRO Corporation* sent out tickets for their raffle/ scholarship program. PFRO would like to **thank** everyone who purchased a ticket (*or more*) for this cause. *Everyone has made this raffle a success*. Their first drawing will be held on **April 5, 2009** at our Police & Fire Retirees of Ohio Quarterly meeting. *At this meeting four winners will be drawn in the amount of \$1,000.00 per winner and the seller of each winning ticket will received a \$100.00*. This meeting will be held at the Akron F.O.P. Lodge #7, 2610 Ley Drive in Akron, Ohio. Anyone can attend this meeting. Please come out and observe the drawing and meet with your fellow retirees from around the state. *If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket, you may do so up until March 27, 2009*. For further information call our State Office at 1-888-309-7041.

To update you on the current news from the *OP&F Pension Fund*. On January 12, 2009, J. David Heller of Moreland Hills, was appointed to the *OP&F Board of Trustees* as an investment expert member by the Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives. He will serve a four year term that expires in November 2012. Some other important news on the board, Robert Baker, the Governors Representative on the Board of Trustees, (since 2004) has been reappointed for another four year term by Governor Ted Strickland. We would like to congratulate them on their newly appointed and reappointed positions. Also, as reported in February 2009 during these hard economic times, the *OP&F* has had a five billion dollar loss of their over thirteen billion dollar assets. Rest assured, despite this loss, the **pension fund still remains strong and sound**.

The latest news on the attempt to repeal the *WEP bill (HR 235)*. It has been introduced in the 111th session of Congress. Please contact your members of Congress to ask for their support to move this bill to the floor for a vote. The bill last year went further in the process than ever before. We must work to get the bill out of committee and on the floor this session. With the current economic conditions we will have a tough fight, but with its repeal it would definitely put needed funds into the local communities from public sector retirees. **To contact any Congressional Office please call 1-866-327-8670**.

Good News, our **Police & Fire Angel Pins are back**. We finally found a vendor for these pins and have just received the new order. If you are interested in purchasing these pins or other merchandise, visit our website or call the state office for more information.

**Please know, that if you have any questions or concerns or need assistance with pension, health care or any other issues, please contact me**. Myself and Gary Siniff, the *OP&F Liaison Committee Chairman*, and Paul Hillenbrand, *Police and Fire Retirees of Ohio Trustee*, attend the monthly meetings of the *OP&F Pension Fund*. We will take your concerns and questions to our *OP&F Retired Trustee's* to help assist you.

In order to ensure our continued progress for your organization, we need your help. By joining our organization **each of you** collectively create a voice that can and will be heard. **Please take a minute to send in your 2009 annual dues**. Your dues money as well as your continued membership are important to us and allows us as an organization to work for you and to protect your future. As a paid member, you will receive a membership card and our Quarterly newsletter to keep you informed. Please check our website for any updates at [www.pfro.com](http://www.pfro.com).

**Thank you, once again, for your continued support.**

**Dues 2009**

<p>Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____</p> <p>Member # _____ Date of Birth _____</p> <p>Member # _____ Date of Birth _____</p> <p>Spouse: _____</p> <p>Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____ Retired From _____</p> <p>Police _____ Fire _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>	<p>\$ _____ Dues - <b>\$20.00</b> Retiree/Spouse/Widow/er</p> <p>\$ _____ Building Fund</p> <p>\$ _____ PAC Fund</p> <p>\$ _____ Decals <b>\$1.00</b> (No Shipping fee)</p> <p>\$ _____ Insulated Mugs (14 oz) <b>\$5.00</b> Red _____ Blue _____</p> <p>\$ _____ Angel pins Police _____ or Fire _____ <b>\$4.50</b></p> <p>\$ _____ T-shirt <b>\$15.00</b> M L XL / <b>\$19.00</b> XXL</p> <p>\$ _____ Polo <b>\$18.00</b> M L XL / <b>\$21.00</b> XXL</p> <p>\$ _____ Hats <b>\$10.00</b></p> <p>\$ _____ Credit card fee <b>\$1.00</b></p> <p>\$ _____ Shipping <b>\$6.00</b> total order (excluding decals &amp; angel pins)</p> <p>\$ _____ <b>Grand Total</b></p>
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**UPDATE ON MEDICARE PART B: February, 2009**

**Senate Bill 267 was passed by the Ohio State Legislature and Signed by Governor Ted Strickland.**

This bill establishes a "floor" for the Medicare B reimbursement to OP&F members. The "floor" is set at the current rate of \$96.40. The OP&F board can elect to increase the reimbursement, but it cannot be set below the "floor" rate \$96.40.




**For Sale!**

**Police and Fire Angel Pins!**

The Firefighter Angels are silver with a gold hat and the Police Angels are silver with gold wings. Each pin is an inch in height. They are only \$4.50 a piece.



**PFRO - t-shirts and hats are currently on sale.**

Don't miss your chance to get one of these great deals!

T-shirts are navy blue with the PFRO Logo on the left chest and "Police and Fire Retirees of Ohio, Inc." written on the back.  
**The Hats** are also navy blue with the PFRO logo.  
**Hats: \$10.00**

**T-shirts: \$15.00 (XXL \$19.00) Polo Shirts \$18.00 (XXL \$21.00)**  
(not shown, navy blue with embroidered logo)  
**Plus \$6.00 shipping/handling**



**Red or Blue Police & Fire Logo Insulated Mugs (14 oz).**

They are for hot or cold drinks. Mugs are **\$5.00** plus \$6.00 shipping.

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