



## ***ISPA OFFICER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM***

Everyday Police Officer across the nation and the State of Iowa put on their uniforms to Serve and Protect their communities. Officers miss birthdays, holidays, their kids' activities and other family events while helping others. Unfortunately, when officers or their families need assistance, they rarely ask for it. We must do a better job of helping ourselves and helping our fellow law enforcement brothers and sisters. If we do not take care of ourselves at some point, we will not be able to help others.

In 2018 the Iowa State Police Association Board of Directors created the ISPA Officer Assistance Program (OAP) to help provide temporary financial aid to our members during their time of need. Since inception the OAP program has assisted over 40 ISPA members and their families, donating over \$55,000 to them.

Unfortunately, in 2023-2024 the OAP saw a record number of requests for assistance. Thankfully due to the very generous donations by ISPA Locals, ISPA Sponsors and our ISPA Members over the years we had the funds to assist the officers and their families. The Officer Assistance Program is dedicated to helping our members when unexpected events cause hardship. As anyone who has experienced a significant medical issue, been affected by a natural disaster or other tragic event(s) knows there can be hidden expenses that cause incredible stress. The ISPA Board, ISPA OAP committee members and all the members who have benefited from this program want to thank everyone for their past donations and their future support of this great program.

If you need assistance, know an ISPA member who needs assistance, or want more information about the Officer Assistance Program, it and the application can be found here-

[www.ispaonline.com/en/officer\\_assistance\\_program](http://www.ispaonline.com/en/officer_assistance_program)

All applications will remain confidential and will only be reviewed by the Officer Assistance Program Committee. Please submit all completed applications to [ispaonline@gmail.com](mailto:ispaonline@gmail.com)