



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

Everyday Police Officer across the nation and the State of Iowa put on their uniforms to go 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.

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.

ISPA Members in good standing at the time of the incident or injury may request financial assistance for reasons which may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Expenses associated with a debilitating illness or injury to a member, spouse, or their dependent children
- Assistance with medical expenses not covered by health insurance to include: travel, lodging, meals, parking, etc.
- Disaster relief, such as needed in the aftermath of a tornado, house fire, flood, etc.
- Other catastrophic circumstances where the member had no means or remedy

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. The Officer Assistance Program is dedicated to helping our members when unexpected events cause a hardship. 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.

If you need assistance or know a member who needs assistance, please fill out an application. More information about the Officer Assistance Program 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)