

#### ARIZONA STATE LODGE

**Fraternal Order of Police, Inc.**

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President Secretary

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TO: All Arizona FOP Lodge President’s and State Trustees.

From: John Ortolano

RE: Pension Reform Legal Action

Please get feedback from your lodge membership PRIOR to state conference about the pension reforms set to take place on the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.

As you well know most people believe these pension reforms are unconstitutional. Our membership must determine if legal action will be taken by the FOP to challenge these reforms. These reforms affect **every active and retired person in enrolled in PSPRS!**

Legal action costs money, and lots of it. Before the legislature passed SB1609 which contained these reforms, three FOP lodges (32, 5, 35) stepped up to foot the bill for TV ads, radio ads, and print ads with the Fire Fighters. Those ads were vital in getting citizens involved in supporting our cause. If legal action is to be taken against these pension reforms, EVERY FOP lodge needs to be committed to the legal challenge.

What I’m asking each lodge to do is to discuss this pension legal challenge issue with their members. This topic will be brought up at state conference in a few weeks. We will need to find out what financial commitment individual lodges will be willing to make for a potential legal challenge.

Fraternally,

John Ortolano