



PA INSURANCE FRAUD PREVENTION AUTHORITY

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ABOUT THE PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE FRAUD PREVENTION AUTHORITY (IFPA)

Since the creation of the IFPA in 1995, Pennsylvania's effort to combat insurance fraud has evolved into a highly collaborative network that taps the talents of some of our Commonwealth's most experienced fraud-fighting professionals. The IFPA arms law enforcement and prosecutors with the resources necessary to fight insurance fraud in the Commonwealth, works to prevent consumer fraud through public awareness, and advises the Governor and General Assembly on the nature and scope of the problem in the Commonwealth.

Pennsylvania's effort is unique among states in that, rather than functioning within a single government department, it is constituted as a separate authority with multi-agency participation. The Pennsylvania General Assembly created the IFPA as an independent Commonwealth agency, funded by annual assessments levied on insurance companies that write policies in the state. No taxpayer dollars are used.

All powers and duties of the IFPA are vested in a seven-member board of directors, of which five directors are appointed by Pennsylvania's Governor and members of the General Assembly as representatives of the Commonwealth's insurance companies and insurance consumers. Pennsylvania's Attorney General and a representative of the Philadelphia Federal Insurance Fraud Task Force are the board's two non-appointed directors.

Much of the IFPA's budget is directed toward funding fraud-fighting units that investigate and prosecute insurance fraud. These include an Insurance Fraud Section in the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General and an Insurance Fraud Unit in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, as well as other state and local-level fraud-prosecution and fraud-prevention programs.

Grants fund statewide insurance fraud prosecutions by the Attorney General's Insurance Fraud Section, as well as support the insurance fraud investigation and prosecution work of county and local law enforcement agencies.

The IFPA also extends grants to the Pennsylvania State Police and the Dauphin County District Attorney to support arson investigations and to the Pennsylvania Insurance Department to support examinations of the anti-fraud programs of insurers. In addition to 12 insurance fraud units, funding is also provided to two agencies for arson investigation and one regulatory agency.

Currently, the IFPA commits around \$13 million annually to the support of 15 law enforcement agencies and \$1 million annually to fraud prevention.

About Thomas A. Donahue III, Executive Director

Thomas Donahue began his career in Pennsylvania's property and casualty insurance industry in 1992 as a claims adjuster/investigator with R.M.G. Investigations in Philadelphia. During his career, he has held the position of claims field appraiser, senior claims representative, insurance fraud investigator, Special Investigation Unit (SIU) Manager and SIU Supervisor with Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, AAA Mid-Atlantic Insurance Group, Unitrin Direct Auto Insurance Company, and Kemper Service Group.

A member of the International Association of Special Investigation Units (IASIU), he led the Delaware Valley Chapter of IASIU as President, and was named Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority (IFPA) in 2014.

Donahue is a member of the Pennsylvania Auto Crime Investigators Association and holds the professional designations of Fraud Claim Law Specialist and Certified Insurance Fraud Investigator. A 1987 graduate of Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, he is active in his local community, serving as 2nd Ward Commissioner on the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners.

As executive director, he oversees an annual IFPA budget of \$17.1 million and works with state and national anti-fraud advocates to advance Pennsylvania's fraud prosecution and prevention programs.

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