

Attention all clients:

Last week, it was reported that an identity theft fraud was perpetrated on an undetermined number of police officers and firefighters in several Florida cities. A full investigation has been undertaken by the appropriate federal authorities and local law enforcement.

We understand that the scheme involves the fraudulent filing of phony tax returns in the name of both active and retired public safety officers. The 2010 Tax Returns were filed claiming an "Education Credit" in the amount of \$1,000.00. Each fraudulent tax return was filed electronically seeking electronic payment of the requested refund. According to reports, it remains unclear when or where the breach of the personal information occurred and by whom.

In light of these troubling developments, we encourage all pension clients, plan sponsors and vendors to use the opportunity to review their data security and related encryption protocols. Should any suspicious activity or individuals be identified, law enforcement should be contacted immediately.