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# 'Shields of Honor' set for Nov. 1

Gala supports Geneva police, fire departments

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GENEVA — The Geneva community will unite in a spirit of gratitude and celebration at the Second Impact Foundation's "Shields of Honor" Gala Nov. 1 at Ventosa Vineyards in Fayette.

The annual event raises vital support for the men and women of the Geneva Fire Department and the Geneva Police Department. The celebration beginning with cocktails at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

This year, two outstanding leaders will be honored for their service, leadership and tireless commitment to the safety of Geneva residents: the late Geneva Fire Chief Carlton Naegele and retired Geneva Police Chief Frank Pane Jr.

The awards, named for Naegele and Pane, will be presented annually to a police officer and firefighter. This year, Chief Pane will receive the award and retired firefighter Bernard "Bernie" Naegele will accept on his father's behalf.

Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased from Rob Patnesky at 315-521-7516; Patti Ciancaglini at 315-521-8926; Paul D'Amico at 585-820-8243; and Erika Van Savage at 315-945-7594.

The community is encouraged to attend, not only to enjoy a memorable evening but also to stand in solidarity with the first responders who keep Geneva safe.

Hosted by Ray Ciancaglini and the Second Impact Foundation, the gala will feature live music by Night Train and a spirited live auction by Carrie Hessney-Doran.

Three of the 13 live auction items include a



Late Geneva Fire Chief Carlton J. Naegele

Winchester 1894 NRA 100-year commemorative 30-30 rifle donated by Hessney's Auction Co., an official football helmet signed by Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway, and a Henry 9mm semi-automatic rifle.

"The fire and police departments are the backbone of our community," Ray Ciancaglini said. "Their bravery and dedication often go unrecognized, and this gala is our



Geneva Police Chief Frank Pane Jr.

way of showing appreciation while providing resources that help them continue their essential work. But more than that, it will be a heartfelt gathering where neighbors, friends and families can stand side by side in support of those who answer the call in moments of need. Our police officers and firefighters are there for us every day. This gala is our chance to be there for them — to

say thank you, to celebrate their courage and to show them how much this community cares."

This year's event will be the third Gala. Last year's event raised \$40,000 for Geneva firefighters and police officers.

The Naegele Award honoring "GV-1," his famous moniker, recognizes Naegele's exceptional lifetime dedication and invaluable service to the Geneva Fire Department. This award is presented by the Geneva Fire Department, The Second Impact and State Sen. Pamela Helming and is given posthumously to honor a career defined by unwavering commitment, leadership and sacrifice.

In recognition of Pane's unwavering dedication and service to the Geneva Police Department, this award is given by the Geneva Police Department, The Second Impact, and State Assemblyman Jeff

Gallahan to honor a career defined by exceptional leadership, commitment and sacrifice. Chief Pane began his career with the Geneva Police Department on July 15, 1966. He had a reputation for providing a high level of police proficiency and rose through the ranks serving as a Police Sergeant, Police Captain and finally Police Chief in 1988.

Also speaking at the Gala will be orthopedic surgeon Dr. Daniel Alexander, the founder of Finger Lakes Bone and Joint Center and a former chief administrative officer for Auburn Community Hospital, and Judge Kristina "Kitty" Karle, who made history in 2018 when she was elected as the first female Ontario County Court Judge. Before serving on the bench, she was a special victim's prosecutor, fighting for victims of child sexual and physical abuse, as well as domestic violence.