



HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

December 2022 Newsletter

Contact Us: 614.431.0781



"Our History Is Our Pride"

1099-R Information:

We are in the process of preparing 1099s for 2022 and plan to have them mailed by the middle of January 2023. 1099s will also be available on our secure website. Simply log in and print at your convenience! Remember to update your address with HPRS if you have moved so your 1099 will be mailed to the most current address. **The post office will not forward 1099s.**



Retiree Directory - a reminder to send in your Retiree Directory Opt-In form that was mailed several weeks ago, if you haven't yet. The directory is only as good as the information we receive. Please call the office if you are in need of another form.

HPRS Strategic Plan - the strategic plan has been updated and can be found on our website.



Staff News

Please help us welcome Nicole Thompson to HPRS! Nicole started with us on Monday, December 12, 2022, as an administrative assistant. Nicole brings with her a number of customer service, office, and administrative skills. She will be replacing Susan Hay who is retiring effective December 30, 2022 after six years with HPRS.

We are pleased to have Nicole as part of our team.



Why did my monthly pension amount change?

- **Taxes** - You may have made adjustments to your taxes. Also, federal, state, and/or school district tax tables may have changed.
- **HPRS Health Care Premiums** - The 2023 premiums are available on our website. Also, you may have moved to another age group on the premium chart.
- **Health Care changes made by Retiree** - You may have added or deleted a dependent, or changed coverage.

Please note that beginning in January 2023, tax tables will change, which may affect your pension check's net pay amount.

Aetna Vision Benefit Changes for 2023

As a reminder, the vision premiums will increase starting next month. For retirees and surviving spouses, the premium will increase to \$8 per month. The premium for a spouse or for children will increase to \$10 per month. Additionally, the eyeglasses/contact benefit will be once every 12 months starting in 2023, rather than the previous benefit of once every 24 months. The premiums and vision benefit summary can also be found on our website.

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP) Recruitment

Do you know someone that is ready to build tomorrow? Cadets enjoy \$22.00 per hour/40 hour work week during training and a \$5,000.00 signing bonus upon graduation!

For more information, visit <https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/recruitment-and-training>



The advertisement features the Ohio State Highway Patrol logo at the top left. The main text reads "NOW HIRING" in large, bold, blue letters, followed by "OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL" in white letters on a blue background. To the right, the word "CADETS" is written in white, followed by "\$22.00 per hour/40 hour week" and "\$5,000 signing bonus for graduating cadets". Below this, a paragraph describes the agency's mission: "The Ohio State Highway Patrol is an internationally-accredited agency whose mission is to protect life and property, promote traffic safety, and provide professional public safety services with respect, compassion, and unbiased professionalism." A list of requirements follows: "Trooper minimum requirements" including "Age 20-34 to apply", "U.S. Citizen", "High School diploma/GED", and "Valid driver's license, less than 6 points". At the bottom right, a silver patrol car is shown. The text "Are You Ready To Build Tomorrow?" is written in yellow, with the website "www.statepatrol.ohio.gov" below it.



Job Opportunities for Retirees

As a reminder, job opportunities are listed in the secure area of our website (www.ohprs.org) Please check this periodically to ensure you are aware of any new postings.

January 2023 Committee Schedule

On Wednesday, January 18, 2023, the Health, Wellness, & Disability Committee meeting will begin at 1300 hours.

Some committee meetings may be canceled from time to time. Please refer to the HPRS website at www.ohprs.org for the most current meeting dates and times.

Save the Date!

- 2023 Snowbird Reunion, February 24 - 25, 2023, Lake Mary, Florida (details can be found on our website)

Retiree Qualification

An additional qualification opportunity has been scheduled at the OSP Academy on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. This added date is to ensure that anyone who qualified on January 19, 2022 will have an opportunity to avoid being expired.

As a reminder, your qualification under the LEOSA rules is only good for one year from the date of qualification. This can be found in 18 USC 926C: Carrying of concealed firearms by qualified retired law enforcement officers. For example, if you qualified on May 1, 2022, then you must qualify on or prior to May 1, 2023.

The upcoming scheduled retiree qualifications at the Academy are:

- **Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 1300 hours (newly added date)**
- Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 1300 hours
- Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 1300 hours
- Friday, June 16, 2023, from 0900-1030 hours (Annual Retiree Cookout)
- Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 1300 hours
- Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 1300 hours

Additionally, all retirees may also reach out to their local District Headquarters for local weapons qualification availability.

You must complete a Weapons Qualifications Record (HP-15C), that includes your personal weapon information, and submit it to Melissa Fellure at mjfellure@dps.ohio.gov no less than 14 days prior to the qualification date. Retirees must bring their Division-issued ID Card with them to the qualification, and the retiree must supply weapon(s) and ammunition. If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Brian Nelson of the Academy Range at bwnelson@dps.ohio.gov or 614.644.4325.

Important Numbers For You To Have On Hand

HPRS - (614) 431-0781
VIA Benefits* - (833) 431-1358
Medicare - (800) 633-4227
Medical Mutual of Ohio - (877) 520-6729
Express Scripts** - (866) 472-6249
Aetna Vision - (877) 973-3238
Delta Dental of Ohio - (800) 524-0149
Social Security - (800) 772-1213
Ohio Def. Comp. - (877) 644-6457

*VIA Benefits currently services Medicare-eligible beneficiary recipients only, for health care and prescription coverage. For those not yet Medicare-eligible, health care coverage is provided by HPRS through Medical Mutual of Ohio (MMO).

**Express Scripts coverage through HPRS for non-Medicare enrollment.

Our office will be closed:

- January 2nd - New Year's Day (observed)
- January 16th - Martin Luther King Day

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