



HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

January 2023 Newsletter

Contact Us: 614.431.0781



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Active & Retired Members: Beneficiary Designation Updates

Many of you have not completed a Beneficiary Designation form since you entered the Academy or retired. Your marital status and dependents may have changed since then. Upon your passing, Chapter 5505 of the Ohio Revised Code provides for the payment of survivor benefits to your spouse and dependent children. Please take a moment to update your beneficiaries by accessing the Beneficiary Designation - Active and DROP form and/or the Beneficiary Designation For Lump Sum Death Benefit form at www.ohprs.org under the *Forms* tab. The completed forms can be faxed, mailed, or emailed to the HPRS office.



Also, if you need to update your beneficiaries for MetLife, the OSP Benefit Fund, or OSTRRA you can contact the HPRS office and forms can be provided. Completed forms can be returned to HPRS.

Tax Documents Mailed to All Benefit Recipients

The IRS 1099-R Form for 2022 was mailed to all benefit recipients on January 10, 2023. This document can also be printed from our website, after logging in to the member area. Additionally, you should expect to receive a 1095-B from your health care provider. As a reminder, tax withholdings can be changed by logging in to the member area of the website.

Call for Stories from Retirees

Major Lisa Taylor (Ret.) is asking all OSP retirees for funny, unusual, crazy, or heartwarming stories from your time on the road. She will be compiling these stories into a book entitled, **"Life Behind the Wheel."** Major Taylor would like to collect your stories along with your permission to "clean them up," both grammatically and perhaps use of language. All participants will receive credit for their tales. This is one way for you to be published with very little work, and virtually NO cost to you. What a great memento for you and your family!



If you are interested, she will need the story, your rank, post/assignment, date you were hired, as well as your retirement date. Send stories to her at proflisa1095@gmail.com or they can be mailed to her home address that can be found in the Retiree Directory on our website.

HPRS Pension Payment Dates

Most months result in a pension payment on the 20th of the month. However, when the 20th of the month falls on a weekend or Holiday, the pension payment will occur on the next business day. This will occur three times in 2023 for the following dates: February 21st, May 22nd, and August 21st.

Remote and In-person Meetings Available

HPRS offers remote options in addition to the traditional in-person retirement interviews. Although members are encouraged to consider an in-person meeting, resources like Zoom and Microsoft Teams are an available option.

Important Notice: The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998

On October 21, 1998, the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act was signed into law. Effective for plan years on or after that date, group health plans, insurance companies, and health maintenance organizations (HMO's) offering mastectomy coverage must also cover reconstructive surgery as determined in consultation with the attending physician and patient. Medical Mutual takes this responsibility seriously. Coverage includes:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed.
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to present a symmetrical appearance.
- Prosthesis and treatment of physical complications at all stages of the mastectomy procedure. This includes lymphedemas, which are swelling of the hand and arm on the operated side.

These benefits are subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance that apply to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this plan.

If you have any questions about this or other health care benefits, please contact your health care benefits representative, or call the Customer Service number on your identification card.

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 on the left, which includes a shield with a 'C' and 'OHIO' below it. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'NOW HIRING' in large, bold, blue letters, followed by 'OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL' in white. On the right side of the ad, there is a photograph of a white patrol car with blue and red emergency lights. Text next to the car lists 'CADETS \$22.00 per hour/40 hour week' and '\$5,000 signing bonus for graduating cadets'. Below this, a mission statement reads: '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 'Trooper minimum requirements' includes: 'Age 20-34 to apply', 'U.S. Citizen', 'High School diploma/GED', and 'Valid driver's license, less than 6 points'. At the bottom, it asks 'Are You Ready To Build Tomorrow?' and provides the website 'www.statepatrol.ohio.gov'.



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.

February 2023 Board and Committee Schedule

On Wednesday, February 15, 2023, committee meetings will start at 1300 hours, starting with the Administration Committee, followed by the Health, Wellness, & Disability Committee, and then the Health Care Funding Committee.

On Thursday, February 16, 2023, beginning at 0900 hours, the Audit Committee will meet, followed by the Investment Committee at 0930 hours, and the Board meeting immediately following.

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

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, 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:

- February 20th - Presidents' Day

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