



HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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Pre-Medicare HRA Project Debrief

The transition to a Pre-Medicare Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) is complete. However, there are some retirees that have not opted-in to the Pre-Medicare HRA and are not taking advantage of this benefit. As a reminder, even if you have access to health care (through current employer or spouse) you are still eligible for the Pre-Medicare HRA. The HPRS Pre-Medicare HRA is an open model, meaning that you are eligible for the benefit regardless of where you access health care, but you must take action and opt-in. The only exception is for those that used tax credits for reduced monthly premiums. You cannot use both the HRA and tax credits. Retirees that have not acted are encouraged to engage with Via Benefits immediately to get the HRA account in place.

Overall, the final transition of members that accessed medical and prescription drug coverage through HPRS to an HRA went well. Many that were concerned about expensive monthly premiums were able to qualify for tax credits that significantly reduced their premiums and chose that option over the HRA. About 2/3 (67%) of retirees chose a Bronze Plan, while 20% chose Silver, and 13% went with Gold. For more about plan levels, go to <https://www.healthcare.gov/choose-a-plan/plans-categories/>.



90th Anniversary Pistol Order Update

Most, if not all, of the P365XL's should be shipped soon. Once they are sent to Vance's they will start the check-in procedure and will notify customers when their order is ready.

Sig Sauer is re-working the logo on the P320CA. The first version did not pass quality assurance, so they are being re-done.

Communication will continue with Vance's until all orders are received.

Please do not contact Vance's directly. Please direct all questions to Christi Hawk at cmhawk@dps.ohio.gov. Thank you!

DPS Survey for Patrol Retirees

The Ohio Traffic Safety Office, a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, needs your help. Please take a couple minutes to complete this very brief 3 question survey regarding driving instructor opportunities.

[Survey for Law Enforcement Retirees \(office.com\)](#)

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 2024 HPRS Meetings

On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, committee meetings will start at 1300 hours, starting with the Administration Committee, followed by the Health Care Funding Committee.

On Thursday, February 15, 2024, beginning at 0900 hours, the Audit Committee will meet, followed by the Investment Committee at 0930 hours, and the Board meeting at 1200 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!

- 2024 Snowbird Reunion, March 15 - 16, 2024, Orlando Marriott - Lake Mary, Florida



Please visit our website for more details and for RSVP information, <https://www.ohprs.org/ohprs/RetireeEventsCalendar.jsp>.

Our office will be closed:

~ February 19th - Presidents' Day



Retiree Qualification

The Academy Range will be hosting annual retiree qualifications in 2024. 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, 2023, then you must qualify on or prior to May 1, 2024.

The upcoming scheduled retiree qualifications at the Academy for 2024 are:

- Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 1300 hours
- Friday, June 21, 2024, from 0900-1030 hours (Annual Retiree Cookout)
- Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 1300 hours
- Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 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 (**Medicare**) - 833.431.1358
Via Benefits (**Pre-Medicare**) - 800.667.2184
Medicare - 800.633.4227

Aetna Vision - 877.973.3238
Delta Dental of Ohio - 800.524.0149
Social Security - 800.772.1213
Ohio Def. Comp. - 877.644.6457

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