



HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

June 2023 Newsletter

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Pre-Medicare Health Reimbursement Arrangement Project Update

As a reminder, this project only pertains to the Pre-Medicare (under age 65) Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA). Any changes that may occur to the Medicare HRA for 2024 will be decided later this year in August, after receiving the actuarial report.

During the month of July, HPRS staff members and trustees will be providing informational sessions at various locations in Ohio. Additionally, at least one Zoom meeting has been scheduled to allow for remote access to the information. These events will target three main objectives: explain the need for the change to an HRA, give an overview of how the change will impact our members, and answer questions related to the change. The dates and locations that are currently scheduled are provided below. Please check our website for updates to this schedule.

Upcoming Pre-Medicare HRA Regional Events:

Thursday, July 6th @ 1400 hours: Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6348815380?pwd=U2YwM0VXZIN2UVNSVIN0RmJ1d2F2UT09>

Meeting ID: 634 881 5380 Passcode: 07062023

Friday, July 7th @ 1100 hours: District 4 Headquarters

3424 US Route 422, Southington, OH 44470

Wednesday, July 12th @ 0900 hours: District 5 Headquarters

401 W US Route 36, Piqua, OH 45356

Wednesday, July 12th @ 1330 hours: District 8 Headquarters

950 Rombach Avenue, Wilmington, OH 45177

Monday, July 17th @ 0900 hours: District 7 Headquarters

7051 Glenn Highway, Cambridge, OH 43725

Monday, July 17th @ 1330 hours: Academy

740 E 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211

Thursday, July 20th @ 0900 hours: District 1 Headquarters

3201 N Main Street, Findlay, OH 45840

Thursday, July 20th @ 1330 hours: District 2 Headquarters

3665 State Route 4, Bucyrus, OH 44820

Wednesday, July 26th @ 1300 hours: District 3 Headquarters

5225 W 140th Street, Cleveland, OH 44142

Thursday, July 27th @ 0900 hours: District 9 Headquarters

10179 Chillicothe Pike, Jackson, OH 45640

2024 COLA and Active Member Contribution Rate

The most difficult decision that the board makes each year involves what levels to set for active member contributions, Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA), and funding of Health Care. At the June board meeting, the board voted to increase the active member contribution rate from 13% to 14% in January 2024. No COLA will be provided in 2024, and no funds will be allocated to the health care fund for 2023.

Board News

HPRS received one candidacy form by the May 26, 2023 deadline for the employee-member trustee position. Per Ohio Administrative Rule 5505-9-01 (F), if the number of candidates is less than or equal to the number of available board seats, each candidate shall be certified as a trustee without the need for an election.



Trooper Cynthia D. Wilt is officially re-elected as employee-member trustee for the four-year term, August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2027. She will be sworn in at the August meeting.



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.

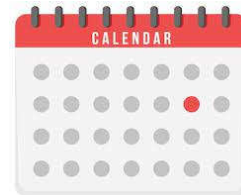
Job Opportunities for Retirees

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.



Save the Date!

- **OSP Districts 90th Anniversary Celebrations***
 - **Cleveland District** - July 15, 2023 - 1000 hours - 1500 hours
- Clay's Park Jellystone Resort, 12951 Patterson St. NW, North Lawrence, OH 44666
 - **Findlay District** - July 22, 2023 - TBD
 - **Cambridge District** - August 5, 2023 - TBD
 - **Piqua District** - August 12, 2023 - TBD
 - **Bucyrus District** - August 27, 2023 - TBD
 - **Jackson District** - September 23, 2023 - TBD
- 2023 Sunbird Reunion, August 19, 2023, All Occasions Banquet Facility, Waldo
- 2023 Association Annual Meeting & Luncheon, October 21, 2023, Embassy Suites
- 2024 Snowbird Reunion, March 15 - 16, 2024, 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:

~ Tuesday, July 4th - Independence Day





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, 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 bnelson@dps.ohio.gov or 614.644.4325.

Important Numbers For You To Have On Hand

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

*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.

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