



HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

April 2026 Newsletter

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Message From the Executive Director

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

As we observe National Police Week, we pause to reflect on the service, sacrifice, and commitment that define the law enforcement profession. This week holds special meaning for our retirees, whose careers were spent answering the call in moments of uncertainty, danger, and need. Your dedication helped make Ohio safer, and set the standard for those who followed.

We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to the men and women currently serving, who continue to uphold the values of integrity, courage, and professionalism day in and day out. National Police Week is a time of remembrance for those who made the ultimate sacrifice and a time of gratitude for all who have served and continue to serve. To our retirees and active members alike: your commitment matters, your sacrifices are recognized, and your service will always be honored and remembered.



Board News

Information regarding the retiree and active elections for 2026 has been sent via VRC for active members and mailed to retired members. **Watch for more information, and don't forget to cast your vote!**

Protect Yourself from Scams

Learn how to spot a potential scam and safeguard your financial well-being.

Recognize and report scams

Scammers use different tactics to get victims to fall for their schemes. In some cases, they can be friendly, sympathetic and seem willing to help. In others, they use fear tactics to persuade a victim. Scams often use fake emails, text messages, voice calls, letters, or someone who shows up at your front door unexpectedly. Learn about the different scam tactics, and what to do if you suspect suspicious behavior.



Tech Support: Don't allow remote access to anyone asking to fix computer defects or malware.

Impersonation: Make sure you're speaking to a legit company and not scammers posing as one.

Online shopping: Research social media marketplace merchants and look for red flags like very low prices.

Payment: Be wary if you're asked to make a purchase with the promise of compensation.

Employment: Don't apply for jobs with enticing perks when the application wants personal info.

Romance: Be wary of relationships exclusively online with someone who needs financial support.

Spotted a scam or worried you've been compromised?

- 1. Contact your bank or credit card company and report the suspicious activity.**
- 2. Report the scam to the Better Business Bureau Scam Tracker and the government via the FTC Report Fraud site. You may also want to report scammers directly to the FBI.**



Job Opportunities for Retirees

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.

May 2026 HPRS Meetings

Currently, there are no meetings scheduled for May.

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!

- OSP Memorial Ceremony - Friday, May 8, 2026 - 1:00 p.m. - Academy
- Retiree Cookout - Friday, June 5, 2026 - 11:00 a.m. - Academy



Please visit our website for more details and for RSVP information, www.ohprs.org.



Our office will be closed:

~ Monday, May 25th - Memorial Day

Retiree Qualification

The Academy Range will be hosting annual retiree qualifications in 2026. 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.*

Upcoming scheduled retiree qualifications at the Academy for 2026 are:

- Friday, June 5, 2026, from 0900-1030 hours (Annual Retiree Cookout)
- Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 1300 hours
- Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 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 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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