



HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM



Happy Holidays!



Firearms Concealed Carry Qualification

In its fifth year, many retirees took advantage of the firearms concealed carry qualifications at the Patrol Academy range. Qualified retired officers can complete the requirements of The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (H.R. 218), enacted in 2004, to carry a concealed weapon under Federal authority. Under the provisions of this Federal resolution, Patrol retirees who have separated from the division in good standing can qualify with their firearm, at their own expense, once every twelve months by completing a course of fire that meets the same standards as active duty Patrol officers. We appreciate that the Academy is offering this service again in 2017.

Training and qualification dates for 2017 have been scheduled:

- Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at 1700 hours (note the evening start time)**
- Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 1300 hours**
- Retiree Luncheon – Friday, June 23, 2017 at 1000 hours**
- Wednesday, August 16, 2017, at 1300 hours**
- Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 1300 hours**



Permits are valid for one calendar year from the date of previous qualification, and qualification dates are established to maximize the 12-month cycle. You must complete a Weapons Qualification Record (HP-15C), including your weapon information. This application can be obtained from our website. Applications received by the Academy later than 14 days prior to the qualification date will be deferred to the next qualification date. Retirees must bring their ID card with them to the qualification and must supply their own weapon(s) and ammunition.

Why did my pension amount change? In January you may notice a change to your pension check amount. Reasons for the changes: 2017 health care premiums have changed since 2016; the 2017 Medicare Part B reimbursement is changing from \$30 to \$0 (which will result in a reduction in the amount for those who receive this); and federal tax tables/school district tax rate for 2017 may have changed.

Please Note:

1099-R FYI

- * We are in the process of preparing 1099s for 2016 and plan to have them mailed by the middle of January 2017.
- * 1099s will be available on our secure website. Simply log in and print at your convenience!
- * **Remember to update your address** if you have moved so your 1099 will be mailed to the most current address.

If you participate in one of HPRS's health care plans, you will receive an IRS Form 1095-B in the mail early in 2017. This is the form that indicates whether you had qualifying health care coverage under the Affordable Care Act during 2016. If your spouse or children have HPRS insurance, they will receive a 1095-B as well. This form is for your records and does not need to be submitted to the IRS when you file your taxes.

2017 Pension Deposit Dates

January 20	May 22	September 20
February 21	June 20	October 20
March 20	July 20	November 20
April 20	August 21	December 20

Our vendor that is mailing the forms cannot provide us with an exact date when you will receive your form. The IRS requires the form be delivered to you by March 2, 2017, so it will get to you before then. If you have any questions, please contact HPRS.



2017 Board Meeting Dates

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Meeting:</u>	<u>Start Time:</u>
1/18/2017	Health, Wellness & Disability Committee	1:00 PM
	Administration Committee	1:00 PM
2/15/2017	Health, Wellness & Disability Committee	Immediately Following
	Health Care Funding Committee	Immediately Following
	Audit Committee	9:00 AM
2/16/2017	Investment Committee	Immediately Following
	Board Meeting	Immediately Following
3/15/2017	Health, Wellness & Disability Committee	1:00 PM
	Administration Committee	1:00 PM
4/19/2017	Health, Wellness & Disability Committee	Immediately Following
	Health Care Funding Committee	Immediately Following
	Audit Committee	9:00 AM
4/20/2017	Investment Committee	Immediately Following
	Board Meeting	Immediately Following
5/17/2017	Health, Wellness & Disability Committee	1:00 PM
	Administration Committee	1:00 PM
6/21/2017	Health, Wellness & Disability Committee	Immediately Following
	Health Care Funding Committee	Immediately Following
	Audit Committee	9:00 AM
6/22/2017	Investment Committee	Immediately Following
	Board Meeting	Immediately Following
7/19/2017	Health, Wellness & Disability Committee	1:00 PM
8/17/2017	Health, Wellness & Disability Committee	8:30 AM
	Board Retreat - Day One	Immediately Following
8/18/2017	Board Retreat - Day Two	8:30 AM
9/20/2017	Health, Wellness & Disability Committee	1:00 PM
	Administration Committee	1:00 PM
10/18/2017	Health, Wellness & Disability Committee	Immediately Following
	Health Care Funding Committee	Immediately Following
	Audit Committee	9:00 AM
10/19/2017	Investment Committee	Immediately Following
	Board Meeting	Immediately Following
11/15/2017	Health, Wellness & Disability Committee	1:00 PM
	Administration Committee	1:00 PM
12/13/2017	Health, Wellness & Disability Committee	Following
	Health Care Funding Committee	Following
	Audit Committee	9:00 AM
12/14/2017	Investment Committee	Following
	Board Meeting	Following

2016 Retirees' Association Annual Dinner & Meeting

The Retirees' Association annual meeting and dinner were held September 24th at the Doubletree Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. Approximately 115 were in attendance. Association officers for 2017 were sworn in and include (pictured below): Past President Gil Jones, 1st Vice President Dale Larue, Treasurer Brenda Collins, 2nd Vice President Pam Sullivan, President Bob Booker, and Secretary Kevin Titler. We thank them for their service.



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!

The 30th Annual Snowbird Reunion will be held on March 10-12, 2017 at the Mission Inn Resort and Club in Leesburg, Florida. Although the reservation deadline is February 7, 2017, please do not delay in signing up. For reservation information, please visit www.ohprs.org and click on "Upcoming Retiree Events".

HPRS Facts & Figures

	Number	Average Pension Benefit	Average Age
Data as of 12/15/2016			
Age & Service Retirees	1,170	\$44,892	66.9
Surviving Spouses	257	\$18,151	75.4
Children	21	\$2,096	20.7
Disability Retirees	130	\$34,615	54.1
Total	1,578	\$39,121	66.6

All meeting dates and times are subject to revision. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be at 1900 Polaris Parkway, Suite 201, Columbus, Ohio 43240. Please refer to www.ohprs.org for updates.





Secondary Health Care Coverage Reminder - Effective January 1, 2017, if you elect to continue secondary medical/prescription coverage through HPRS, you will pay the normal premium for your age. For our re-employed retirees, if you would like to purchase HPRS coverage in addition to your employer's coverage, you will be charged the normal premium for your age rather than the re-employed retiree premium (\$400 in 2017). You will be required to submit proof of your primary coverage in order to receive the reduced premium.

The 2017 premiums can be found on our website at www.ohprs.org, under "Members", "Health Care". Please contact HPRS if you have any questions.

HPRS Investment Returns

Date	Investment Portfolio Market Value	YTD Increase/(Decrease)
12/8/2016	\$827,785,000	6.8% (est)
12/31/2015	\$809,209,000	(0.3%)
12/31/2014	\$849,000,000	6.5%
12/31/2013	\$813,953,000	19.6%
12/31/2012	\$717,036,000	11.9%
12/31/2011	\$679,404,000	



Our office will be closed on:
 December 26 (Christmas Day)
 January 2 (New Year's Day)
 January 16 (Martin Luther King Day)
 February 20 (Presidents' Day)

Save on Your Medical Costs with My Care Compare

When making a decision about your health care, you want the best choice for your health as well as your budget. This can be difficult, especially because different doctors and different health care facilities often charge different amounts for the exact same services. Costs can even vary significantly when the same doctor performs the same procedure but in a different facility.

As an HPRS retiree enrolled in Medical Mutual, you have access to My Health Plan, a personalized online portal available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Utilize My Health Plan to better understand and maximize the value of your health care coverage:

- ◆ Access your personal dashboard for an instant snapshot of your coverage
- ◆ Review your claims, Explanation of Benefits statements and payments
- ◆ Search for network providers (doctors, hospitals, etc.)
- ◆ Find exclusive discounts on health-related products and services
- ◆ Watch interactive videos to help you make important health care decisions
- ◆ Choose how you would like to receive communications

Register for My Health Plan today at:
<https://member.MedMutual.com>

My Health Plan now offers a new tool, My Care Compare, which may help you lower your costs when you receive care from an in-network provider. Using My Care Compare, you can:

- ◆ Understand how your costs will change based on where you receive care
- ◆ Review satisfaction and quality ratings for doctors, hospitals, clinics and other health service providers

When you log into My Health Plan, click My Care Compare under Quick Links. Select a treatment to search, and you'll find providers in your area who provide the service and an estimate of how much it will cost.



From the Director

After a year of analyzing and debating health care issues, at its December meeting, the board approved HPRS's program for the future. The current Medicare Advantage and self-funded traditional plans will continue. A cost-sharing structure has been formalized to spread the cost of health care between HPRS and its members. It is similar to the structure already in place and will add years of solvency to the health care fund.

House Bill 520 was unanimously passed by the General Assembly on December 8, 2016, and is awaiting signature by Governor Kasich. This bill, as it pertains to HPRS, made changes to current statutes that are mostly technical or non-substantive in nature. Two of the more notable changes include: requiring a member to have accrued at least five years of service credit to be eligible for an off-

duty disability; and allowing DROP members to vote for active members of the board rather than retired members. The full bill and analysis can be viewed on our website under the Legislative Log tab.

In response to my email last month, many of you wrote your members of Congress to express your concern over the Social Security hold harmless provision and the significant increase in Medicare Part B premiums. Although the disparity has not been fixed, the Medicare Part B premiums were mitigated to some extent for 2017. For those receiving Social Security benefits, the standard Medicare Part B premium will be \$109. For those not receiving benefits, the standard premium will be \$134. It is unfortunate this disparity exists, and we will continue to petition Congress to correct this inequality.

For those active members receiving retroactive pay, we are working with DAS to ensure retroactive pay is properly credited to each member's account. This may take several more weeks to reconcile all affected accounts. For affected members in DROP (entering DROP after July 1, 2015, and remaining until after September 29, 2016), your accounts will be recalculated and updated to reflect the changes. For non-DROP members who retired after the effective date of the contract, September 29, 2016, your pensions will be recalculated to reflect the changes.

—Mark Atkeson



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