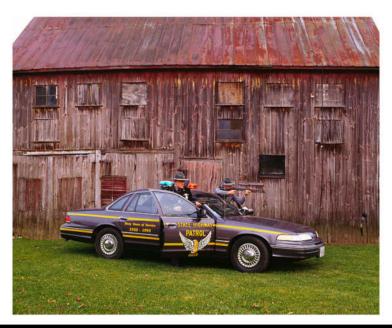


# HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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# "Our History Is Our Pride"

#### Pre-Medicare Health Reimbursement Arrangement

HPRS continues to work towards the Health Reimbursement Arrangement for the remaining members. This change will impact all retirees that are under 65, and any retirees and dependents that access health care and prescription drug coverage through HPRS.

The contract negotiation process is complete with Willis Towers Watson (WTW), and the plan design phase is underway. The plan design defines the details of how HPRS will work with WTW to transition our retirees to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, also known as an HRA. As soon as those details have been finalized, an aggressive education and member outreach initiative will begin that will fully prepare our members for the change.

In summary, HPRS will provide a reimbursement allowance that can be used by the member to pay for their insurance, their spouse's insurance, co-pays, and other out-of-pocket expenses. This change will be for 2024, and the health care coverage currently obtained through HPRS will no longer be available.

One important aspect of this plan is that if the entire allowance is not used in a given month, what's left over can remain in the account and roll over to be used at a later date. This provides for a valuable means for our members to be much better prepared for the long-term health care

expense needs. HPRS is in the process of calculating the amount of the monthly allowance. Please continue to watch for updates in the monthly newsletters.

#### Tax Documents Mailed

If you were enrolled in an HPRS health care plan in 2022, you should expect to receive a 1095-B from your health care provider. This form indicates whether you had qualifying health care coverage under the Affordable Care Act during 2022. **This form is for your records only and does not need to be submitted to the IRS when filing taxes.** 

#### 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 <a href="mailto:proflisa1095@gmail.com">proflisa1095@gmail.com</a> or they can be mailed to her home address that can be found in the Retiree Directory on our website.

#### 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





# Job Opportunities for Retirees

As a reminder, job opportunities are listed in the secure area of our website (<u>www.ohprs.org</u>) Please check this periodically to ensure you are aware of any new postings.

#### March 2023 Committee Schedule

On Wednesday, March 15, 2023, the Health, Wellness, & Disability Committee meeting will start at 1300 hours.

Some committee meetings may be canceled from time to time. Please refer to the HPRS website at <a href="https://www.ohprs.org">www.ohprs.org</a> for the most current meeting dates and times.

# Save the Date!

- OSP Memorial Ceremony May 5, 2023 Academy
- Retiree Cookout June 16, 2023 Academy

# 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 <a href="mailto:mjfellure@dps.ohio.gov">mjfellure@dps.ohio.gov</a> 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 <a href="mailto:bwnelson@dps.ohio.gov">bwnelson@dps.ohio.gov</a> 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.

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