



# HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

July 2022 Newsletter

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## **Ohio Deferred Compensation (ODC)**

In times of uncertainty, sometimes it is nice to talk to a familiar face about your Ohio Deferred Compensation account. They offer multiple ways to stay in touch with your local Account Executive, including on-site visits, telephone appointments, or virtual meetings. Your local Account Executive can help you:

- Review your investment options
- Evaluate your tolerance for risk
- Answer questions about retirement and post-employment withdrawals
- Navigate online tools and calculators
- Understand the difference between pre-tax or post-tax (Roth) contributions, if offered by your employer
- Update your address, email, or beneficiaries

To schedule a virtual appointment with your local Account Executive, visit the website at **Ohio457.org**. On the home page, click the calendar icon. Select the Account Executive for the county where you work. You can also contact **877-644-6457** 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday.

## Board News

HPRS received one candidacy form by the May 27, 2022 deadline for the employee-member trustee position and one candidacy form for the retiree-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.

Lieutenant Christian J. Niemeyer is officially re-elected as employee-member trustee and Retired Major Darryl L. Anderson is officially re-elected as retiree-member trustee for the four-year term, August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2026. They will be sworn in at the August meeting.

## 2023 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 decision was made to reduce the active member contribution rate to 13%, starting with the first full pay period in January 2023. A 3% COLA was approved for 2023 for members that qualify. A one-time allocation to the health care fund of \$3.89 million was also approved.



## Job Opportunities for Retirees

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

## August 2022 Board/Committee Schedule

The Annual Board Conference is scheduled to be held in Cincinnati this year at The Cincinnati Hotel on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 0900 hours, and Friday, August 19, 2022 at 0830 hours.

Some committee meetings may be canceled from time to time. Please refer to the HPRS website at [www.ohprs.org](http://www.ohprs.org) for the most current meeting dates and times.

## OSP License Plates

Many of you may not be aware since 2019, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) offers an organization license plate for the Ohio State Highway Patrol. The next time you are considering a new license plate for your vehicle, just remember there is an option out there to express your support for the division. To purchase this license plate, and many others, click on the link below and under the "Organizational Plates" tab, you will find the plate name "Patrol Supporter".



<https://www.bmv.ohio.gov/vr-sp-geninfo.aspx>

## Save the Date!

- 2022 Sunbird Reunion, August 20, 2022, All Occasions Banquet Facility
- 2022 Association Annual Meeting & Dinner, October 22, 2022, Aladdin Shrine
- 2023 Snowbird Reunion, February 23 - 25, 2023, Lake Mary, Florida

## 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, 2021, then you must qualify on or prior to May 1, 2022.

The upcoming scheduled retiree qualifications at the Academy are:

- Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 1300 hours
- Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 1300 hours

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](mailto: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 call the Academy at 614.466.4896.

## 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.

## Our office will be closed:

- no closures in August

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