



# HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

June 2024 Newsletter

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## *"Our History Is Our Pride"*

### 2025 COLA and Active Member Contribution Rate



The most difficult decision 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 keep the active member contribution rate at 14% for 2025. No COLA will be provided in 2025, and no funds will be allocated to the health care fund for 2024. A Special Committee on COLA was appointed that will research modifications and alternatives to the current benefit.

### New Ohio Employer Withholding Rates Effective July 1, 2024

The Ohio Department of Taxation has issued new employer withholding tables for payrolls that end on or after July 1, 2024. The new tables include the income tax rate reductions that went into effect when House Bill 33 (135th General Assembly) was signed into law on July 4, 2023.

The new employer withholding tables are posted on the [Employer Withholding Tax webpage](#). Percentage and optional computer methods for calculating withholding as well as daily, weekly, biweekly, semi-monthly, and monthly tables are available.



## Board News

HPRS received one candidacy form by the May 24, 2024 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.

Major Matthew Them is officially re-elected as employee-member trustee for the four-year term, August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2028. He will be sworn in at the August meeting.



## 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.

## July 2024 HPRS Meetings

On Wednesday, July 17, 2024, committee meetings will begin at 1300 hours, starting with the Health, Wellness, & Disability Committee meeting.

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.

## Save the Date!

- 2024 Sunbird Annual Meeting, September 14, 2024 - All-Occasions Banquet Center - Waldo, Ohio
- 2025 Snowbird Reunion, February 28 - March 2, 2025 - 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:

~ Thursday, July 4th - Independence Day



## Retiree Qualification

The Academy Range will be hosting annual retiree qualifications in 2024. 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, 2023, then you must qualify on or prior to May 1, 2024.

The upcoming scheduled retiree qualifications at the Academy for 2024 are:

- Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 1300 hours
- Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 1300 hours

Retirees may also reach out to their local District Headquarters for local weapons qualification availability.

You must complete a Weapons Qualifications Record (HP-15C), 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 contact Lieutenant Brian Nelson of the Academy Range at [bwnelson@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:bwnelson@dps.ohio.gov) or 614.644.4325.

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### 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](mailto:proflisa1095@gmail.com) or they can be mailed to her home address that can be found in the Retiree Directory on our website.

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### 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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