



HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

September 2023 Newsletter

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"Our History Is Our Pride"

Pre-Medicare Health Reimbursement Arrangement Project Update

As a reminder, the Pre-Medicare HRA project pertains only to the Pre-Medicare (under age 65) Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) that will begin in January 2024.

Via Benefits is currently placing calls to those impacted by the upcoming changes to HPRS health care benefits. Please engage with Via Benefits to schedule and complete your pre-enrollment appointment. As a reminder, it is important to consider discussing your situation with Via Benefits, as you may qualify for a Premium Tax Credit (PTC) or Cost Sharing Reduction (CSR).

If you do not qualify for a PTC or CSR, and plan to access medical and prescription drug coverage somewhere besides Via Benefits, you may only need to "opt-in" to the HRA. More information about the HRA opt-in process will be posted to the HPRS website soon and provided in the October HPRS newsletter.

You can visit the website at marketplace.viabenefits.com/HPRS at any time or give Via Benefits a call at 800-667-2184 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Wellness Program and VISA Gift Card

All retirees, spouses, and surviving spouses that complete a Wellness Examination or Screening prior to December 31, 2023, will receive a \$100 VISA Gift Card. The wellness programs will continue in 2024, but the VISA Gift Card will no longer be awarded to participants that complete exams after the end of this year. For more information on the wellness program, please go to <https://www.ohprs.org/ohprs/healthBenefits.jsp>.



Part-Time Out of State Residency

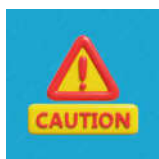
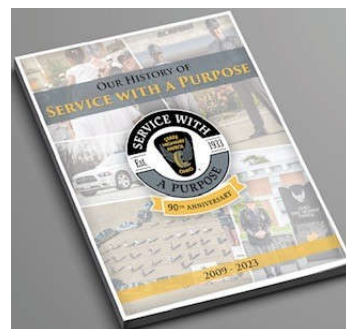
Remember to update your address! Please visit the secure area of our website, www.ohprs.org, to make changes to your permanent and/or temporary address. Log on or contact HPRS to ensure your information is current and up to date. Personal Information Update forms can also be found on our website under "Forms".

OSP 90th Anniversary History Book

~ Available starting October 16th ~

Ordering Information:

The History Book will be available for order starting October 16th, the cost is \$15, and can be purchased through the OSHP Auxiliary store at <http://www.oshpauxstore.org>.



Use Caution during Medicare Open Enrollment

Don't let a sales pitch cause you to enroll in the wrong health care or prescription coverage!

Members should expect to receive phone calls and mail from a variety of vendors offering medical coverage and services during Medicare open enrollment. In the past, retirees have reported receiving calls from people claiming to represent HPRS. Via Benefits is the only authorized representative that our Medicare-eligible retirees should hear from. As a reminder, only those that enroll in Medicare Health Coverage through Via Benefits are eligible for the HPRS Medicare Health Reimbursement Arrangement.

Job Opportunities for Retirees

As a reminder, 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.





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 or they can be mailed to her home address that can be found in the Retiree Directory on our website.

October 2023 HPRS Meetings

On Wednesday, October 18, 2023, committee meetings will begin at 1300 hours, starting with the Administration Committee, followed by the Health, Wellness, & Disability Committee, and then the Health Care Funding Committee.

On Thursday, October 19, 2023, beginning at 0900 hours, the Audit Committee will meet, followed by the Investment Committee at 0930 hours, and the Board meeting immediately following. As a reminder, Board meetings are made available to everyone via Zoom. The Zoom meeting information can be found on the corresponding agenda for each board meeting, which is posted to our website.

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!

- 2023 Retirees' Association Annual Meeting & Luncheon, October 21, 2023 - 11:00 a.m. - Embassy Suites, 2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus, OH 43231 - **Register today!**
- 2024 Snowbird Reunion, March 15 - 16, 2024, Orlando Marriott - 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:

~ no closures in October





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 last scheduled retiree qualification for 2023 is: **(PLEASE SEE LOCATION CHANGE BELOW)**

- Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 1300 hours - **Orient Correctional Range (OSP Range #6), 11781 State Route 762, Orient, OH 43146**

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 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	Express Scripts* - 866.472.6249
VIA Benefits (Medicare) - 833.431.1358	Aetna Vision - 877.973.3238
VIA Benefits (Pre-Medicare) - 800.667.2184	Delta Dental of Ohio - 800.524.0149
Medicare - 800.633.4227	Social Security - 800.772.1213
Medical Mutual of Ohio - 877.520.6729	Ohio Def. Comp. - 877.644.6457

*Express Scripts coverage through HPRS for non-Medicare enrollment.

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