



HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

September 2022 Newsletter

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2023 Health Care Open Enrollment for Under 65

For those members not participating in the Medicare HRA, the 2023 health care open enrollment period is November 1st - 30th. Please submit a Health Care Election form for new enrollment or to add an eligible dependent. The form can be found on our website at www.ohprs.org, under "Forms". If you do not have any changes, coverage will continue as previously selected. 2023 health care premiums and plan co-pays may be found on our website under "Members", "Health Care".

Termination of medical and prescription coverage (excluding dental and vision) may be done at any time. The Termination of Health Care Coverage form can be found on our website under "Forms".

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>



The poster is divided into two main sections. The left section has a blue background with the Ohio State Highway Patrol logo at the top, followed by the text "NOW HIRING" in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline, and "OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL" in white below it. The right section has a dark background. It features the word "CADETS" in white, followed by "\$22.00 per hour/40 hour week" and "\$5,000 signing bonus for graduating cadets" in white. Below this is a paragraph in white: "The Ohio State Highway Patrol is an internationally-accredited agency whose mission is to protect life and property, promote traffic safety, and provide professional public safety services with respect, compassion, and unbiased professionalism." This is followed by "Trooper minimum requirements" and a bulleted list: "• Age 20-34 to apply", "• U.S. Citizen", "• High School diploma/GED", and "• Valid driver's license, less than 6 points". At the bottom right of the dark section is a white SUV with "OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL" and a trooper logo on the side. Below the SUV is the text "Are You Ready To Build Tomorrow?" in yellow and white, and the website "www.statepatrol.ohio.gov" in white.

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www.statepatrol.ohio.gov

Active & Retiree Satisfaction Survey

HPRS is tentatively planning a satisfaction survey for the first quarter of 2023. If there is an item that you feel should be measured through the survey process, please contact Executive Director Carl Roark.

Active Members: Purchasing Interrupted Military Service

Under certain circumstances, a member can obtain service for leave that interrupts their OSP service. The most common "interrupted service" is military service that requires the member to take leave from OSP. Interrupted service can be purchased and used in meeting the minimum number of years of service necessary for retirement. If purchased timely, the member can avoid paying interest. Please reach out to HPRS within 30 days of your return to OSP active employment status for information specific to purchasing service credit. If you have questions about purchasing interrupted military service, please contact HPRS.

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 Care Coverage through Via Benefits are eligible for the Health Reimbursement Arrangement.

**IMPORTANT
REMINDER**

Medicare Part B Requirement

As you approach age 65, there are several things that you may need to do. If you are still working, you may not be required to take immediate action. However, there can be penalties if you do not enroll for Medicare on time, so it is best to verify what is required of you.

It is important to contact the Social Security Administration ninety (90) days prior to your birthday month at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly or by calling 1.800.772.1213. Everyone must purchase Medicare Part B (Medical). It usually takes 4 - 6 weeks to receive your Medicare ID, so do not wait to apply. You cannot enroll for health care until you have your Medicare ID number. *(You will also need to apply for Medicare Part A (Hospital) if it is at no cost to you. If you do not qualify for premium-free Medicare Part A please call HPRS.)*

National Retirement Security Month

Many people think of October as a time to get outside and enjoy fall festivals with family, watch sporting events, and appreciate the cooler temperatures. According to the National Association of Government Defined Contribution Administrators, Inc. (NAGDCA), October is National Retirement Security Month. Members are encouraged to take a vested interest in their financial well-being through seminars, orientation and newsletters. It is very important to have a plan for your financial future, and to focus on your finances to ensure you are on a strong path to achieving your short-term and long-term financial goals.

Financial planning is a key component in developing a strategy to make sure you and your family are on the right track to support your future needs. HPRS offers tools to help you on your journey. The Retirement Benefits Calculator and a Drop Benefits Calculator are available to all members who are currently still employed with the division, or who are not yet receiving a pension. These tools are located on the members only portion of our website (www.ohprs.org) and provide general information specifically tailored to provide you with an estimate of your pension and drop accounts.

Ohio Deferred Compensation is another option to help you reach financial independence. We

recommend you start participating in their program as soon as possible. They offer additional financial tools on their website (www.ohio457.org), as well as deferred compensation representatives who can assist you in your financial planning. Educational videos and webinars are accessible on their website by clicking on the "Resources" tab at the top of the page.

If you have questions, we encourage you to talk to a Financial Planner or Financial Advisor. It is never too early or too late to educate yourself on the financial options that are available to help build a strong and secure future for you and your family.



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.

October 2022 Committee Schedule

On Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 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 20, 2022, 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!

- 2022 Association Annual Meeting & Luncheon, 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, 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 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 October

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