



HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

September 2024 Newsletter

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2025 Open Enrollment - Dental & Vision

The 2025 open enrollment period is November 1st - 30th. Please submit a Dental & Vision 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.

Termination of dental and vision may also be done during the open enrollment period. The Termination of Coverage form can be found on our website under "Forms".

Benefits to Leaving DROP Funds at HPRS



Members may leave their Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) funds at HPRS after DROP participation, and there are benefits to doing so. First, the funds will continue to earn interest, currently set at 4.82%. Moreover, the process to make a withdrawal is simple.

This also applies to those that terminate DROP participation prior to completion of the minimum participation period. The minimum participation period is three (3) years for members who enter DROP prior to age 52, and two (2) years for members who enter DROP at or after age 52.

Once a member elects to participate in DROP, his/her contributions are committed for the minimum period (2 or 3 years). If the member voluntarily discontinues DROP participation prior to the minimum participation period, the member will forfeit their accumulated interest. However, interest will begin accumulating again for balances that remain at HPRS beyond the end of the minimum participation period.



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 Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA).

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.



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 2024 Committee Schedule

On Wednesday, October 16, 2024, committee meetings will begin at 1300 hours, starting with the Administration Committee, followed by the Health, Wellness, & Disability Committee, the Health Care Funding Committee, and the Special Committee on COLA.

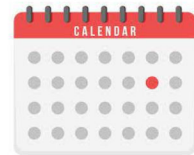
On Thursday, October 17, 2024, beginning at 0900 hours, the Audit Committee will meet, followed by the Investment Committee at 0930 hours, and the Board meeting immediately following. As a reminder, Board meetings are made available to everyone via Zoom. The Zoom meeting information can be found on the 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!

- 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:

~ no closures in October



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 remaining upcoming scheduled retiree qualification at the Academy for 2024 is:

- 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 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
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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