



# HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

November 2024 Newsletter

Contact Us: 614.431.0781



*"Our History Is Our Pride"*

## Important - Health Screening Update



As part of the Highway Patrol Retirement System's Wellness Program, we offer a Comprehensive Wellness Examination (CWE) covered every two years through OhioHealth and a Screening every four years through Central Ohio Primary Care (COPC). Effective January 31, 2025, COPC will terminate all services between HPRS and COPC. Moving forward, we will continue to offer the CWE through OhioHealth and will be researching other avenues to provide some type of screening for our members. Appointments for screenings may still be scheduled, subject to availability, through January 2025, if you are eligible for the once-every-four-year service.



## HRA: Personal Information Update

It is important to contact Via Benefits if you have any personal information changes or updates. Updating your information with HPRS will not automatically update Via Benefits records. You can make changes through the Via Benefits website or by calling the numbers below.

Via Benefits (**Medicare**) - 833.431.1358  
Via Benefits (**Pre-Medicare**) - 800.667.2184



## 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).

### HPRS Board/Staff Member: Spotlight of the Month

#### **Elected Retired Member Representative Major Darryl Anderson**

Darryl Anderson was first elected as an active member to the Highway Patrol Retirement System Board in 1995. Over the years, he has become the longest-tenured board member, serving as both an elected Active Member and Retired Member. With nearly two and a half decades of board service, his dedication to both active and retired members is a model of consistency and a stalwart for all board members.



Graduating from the 90th Academy class in 1971, Darryl spent over 30 years serving in various positions throughout the OSHP until his retirement as the Commandant of the OSHP Academy in 2001. During his time with the OSHP, he also served on the Credit Union Board and was Chairman of the Ohio LEADS Steering Committee. In July 2001, he became the head of Ohio's Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS), where he served as Director until July 2015. Since 2016, Darryl has remained active, continuing to serve as a Major with the Stark County Sheriff's Office as an Interoperable Communications Specialist.

His formal education includes an associate degree in Math and Sciences from Ohio University, a bachelor's degree in business management from Ohio State University (OSU), a Master of Public Administration degree from Ohio University, and a Master of Arts degree in Labor and Human Resources Management from OSU. He also graduated the 54th Northwestern University Traffic Institute Administrator's Training Program in 1980.

Darryl and his wife, Kimberly, who retired after 28 years as an OSHP Dispatcher, currently reside in Killbuck, Ohio. Together, they have five grown children and five granddaughters. To stay active, Kim and Darryl maintain their farm and tend to their horses, mule, and other rescue animals.



## 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.

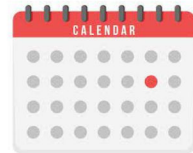
## December 2024 HPRS Meetings

On Wednesday, December 18, 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, December 19, 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](http://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:

- ~ Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day
- ~ Wednesday, January 1st - New Year's day

## Retiree Qualification

The Academy Range will be hosting annual retiree qualifications in 2025. 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, 2024, then you must qualify on or prior to May 1, 2025.

Upcoming scheduled retiree qualifications at the Academy for 2025 are:

- Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 1300 hours
- Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 1300 hours
- Friday, June 6, 2025, from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (Annual Retiree)

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- Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 1300 hours
- Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 1300 hours



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 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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Via Benefits (**Medicare**) - 833.431.1358  
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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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