

The Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association, the State Highway Patrol Federal Credit Union, the Ohio Troopers Coalition, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary will be hosting the 6th Annual Retiree Cookout on June 14 at the Ohio State Patrol Training Academy. The program will start at 11 a.m. in the Leadership Hall. Lunch will be served approximately at noon. All food and beverages will be provided.

Post commanders shall invite retirees (and one guest) who live in the post area to attend the luncheon. All retired uniform and non-uniform employees are welcome. This includes troopers, dispatchers, radio technicians, professional staff, auxiliary, and widows/widowers of retired employees. Post personnel may transport retirees in patrol cars; carpooling from the post to the Academy is encouraged.

Dress for the event is casual for all attendees. Officers who drive marked patrol vehicles are to be in the uniform of the day. These officers have the option to change into casual attire upon arrival to the Academy, but must be in uniform upon their return commute.

On the date of the cookout, retirees will be given the opportunity to qualify for their concealed carry permit. Appointments are required and spots are available from 8 to 10 a.m. To schedule an appointment, please contact Melissa Fellure at (614) 466-7944 or mjfellure@dps.ohio.gov. Space is limited so retirees are encouraged to reserve a spot by June 3. Anyone wishing to qualify must submit a Retiree Qualification Form (CRS form HP15C). This form can be supplied by range personnel at the time the appointment is made.

Appointments will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis; however, retirees traveling long distances will be considered first.

*Districts and sections are to compile a list of retirees planning to attend and must RSVP to Christy McGinnis at Christina.McGinnis@dps.ohio.gov, or (614) 728-0005, by **June 7**. This list should also include active duty officers and district chaplains; however, due to the anticipated retiree attendance, commanders should use discretion in determining who may attend. No overtime is authorized for attendance.*