

The Ohio Turnpike Commission

EMPLOYMENT

March New Hires: Peter Muehlfeld (Kunkle Roadway).

March Part-time Resignations/Retirements: Michael Hefferman (ASPM).

March Full-time Resignations/Retirements: Christine Havericak (Accounting/Payroll Clerk), Emmanuel Svastos (FTTC Exit 209), Shirley Sprague (Patrol Secretary), and George Distel (Executive Director).

March Toll Operations Position Changes: None.

March Maintenance Position Changes: Mark Pritchard was promoted from Swanton Roadway to Swanton Assistant Foreman. Robert Stasa transferred from Kunkle Roadway to Swanton Roadway. Patrick Stout transferred from Amherst Roadway to Amherst Backup Building Checkman.

March Administration Position Changes: Ed Miller (Safety Services Director) and Dennis Albrecht (Traffic Engineer).

OHIO DEFERRED COMPENSATION

Due to the large demand of employee requests, the following schedule has been secured by HR with Ohio Deferred Compensation Representatives as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Location, and Deferred Compensation Rep. Rows include dates from May 3 to May 19 and locations like Castalia MB, Elmore MB, Boston MB, Administration Bldg, Kunkle MB, Swanton MB, Hiram MB, and Canfield MB.

All Maintenance Building meetings are scheduled at 3:00 p.m. The Administration Building presentation is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room.

As a reminder, the annual deferral limits for 2011 are:

Table with 2 columns: Deferral Limit Type and Amount. Rows include Regular deferral limit (\$16,500), Age 50 plus deferral limit (\$22,000), and Catch up deferral limit (\$33,000).

This is an excellent opportunity to meet with a Representative to discuss your investment options and to determine if you need to increase your current contributions or to open a new account.

If you should have any questions, please contact Maggie at ext. 1112.

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PART-TIME TOLL COLLECTOR HOURS WORKED

Pursuant to Article 24 of the Part-time Toll Collectors' Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), part-time toll collectors are required to work eighteen (18) shifts in a quarter, which is defined as three consecutive 28-day periods as well as a minimum of 6 shifts, if offered, in a 28-day bidding period. The most recent 3-month period concluded with the end of the 3/5/11 schedule. Below represents the next three 28-day schedule periods:

3/6/11 – 4/2/11                      4/3/11 – 4/30/11                      5/1/11 – 5/28/11

It is the employee's responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with Article 24 in its entirety and to comply with all shift requirements.

E-ZPASS/TRANSPONDERS

<i>Month</i>	<i>Pearl</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>Tag Teller</i>
March	2289	255	843	44

On April 5, 2011, we mailed out the 100,000<sup>th</sup> transponder since the beginning of E-ZPass.

SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Between April 18-29, 2011, Human Resources will be posting online opportunities for Summer Student employment. Applications will need to be received no later than April 29, 2011. Summer Students must pass a criminal background check, employment reference check (if any), a Driver Abstract review, be at least 18 years of age and currently-enrolled as a college student. Applications can be obtained beginning April 18 online at <http://www.ohioturnpike.org>.

OPERS UPDATE

All employees are encouraged to keep themselves updated regarding proposed pension reform efforts. The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System website provides special coverage on their main webpage. Briefly, House Bill 69 and Senate Bill 3 would add two years to the current plan design; increase the final average salary (FAS) calculation from three highest calendar years to five highest; replace the cost of living adjustment (COLA) from a simple 3% to the change in the consumer price index (CPI) up to 3%; and increases the time frame that the benefit formula multiplier increases to 2.5% from 30 years of service to 35 years. There is a proposed transition period. For more detailed information, go to <https://www.opers.org/News/ORSC/index.shtml>.

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UPCOMING TURNPIKE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

CDL/Load Securement Refresher Course. All Maintenance employees will have a refresher course on CDL regulations and Load Securement with information on the latest updates to CDL rules and regulations. The training is being conducted by the Ohio State Highway Patrol and will be held at individual Maintenance Buildings as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Location. Rows include May 3 (Kunkle and Swanton), May 10 (Elmore and Castalia), May 17 (Amherst and Boston), and May 24 (Hiram and Canfield).

Drug & Alcohol Training. The HR Dept. will provide a 2-hour Drug and Alcohol training for Toll Operations and Maintenance Department supervisors in June, with an additional hour for HR/Legal issues update. All supervisors will be required to attend in order to meet the requirements under Federal law. The following dates have been scheduled and each session will be held at the Administration Building.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Time. Rows include Tuesday, June 7 (9:00 a.m. – Noon and 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.) and Thursday, June 9 (9:00 a.m. – Noon and 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.).

Supervisors will be contacted by their District Toll Supervisor or Division Superintendent regarding which scheduled class they should attend.

UPCOMING OPERS HEALTH CARE SEMINARS FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS

The following health care seminars are being offered by OPERS to active members within five years of retirement. The seminar will help prepare employees for the transition from their employer-sponsored health care coverage to the OPERS retiree plan. Employees will learn the details of their coverage options and how to navigate the application process. Seminars begin at 1:00 p.m. and require pre-registration. You can contact OPERS at 1-800-222-7377 or visit their website at http://www.opers.org to register.

Below are a few of the more local offerings:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Date. Rows include Huron (June 10), Westlake (July 22), Rootstown (August 5), Independence (September 9), Perrysburg (November 17), Mentor (December 2), and Columbus (December 9).

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DENTAL CARRIER CHANGE

Earlier this year, the Commission switched its Dental Carrier from MetLife to **Delta Dental**. We ask that you do the following in order to make sure that your Dentist bills you and the insurance company correctly:

- Please throw away your Metlife Dental card. You no longer need this as you no longer have Metlife Dental coverage after December 31, 2010.
- Notify your Dentist’s office at the time of scheduling your appointment that your Dental carrier has changed. A Dental Insurance card is no longer necessary. Instruct your Dentist to bill Delta Dental using your Social Security Number as your identification number for all claims/billing.
- Provider books are not being provided as Delta Dental encourages all customers to use their online webpage. Their website is frequently updated to ensure that the most current information is being given out. Printed materials are generally outdated.

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