



**MICHIGAN OFFICE OF  
RETIREMENT SERVICES**  
Big Plans. Small Steps.

# news

**MICHIGAN STATE POLICE PENSION PLUS RETIREMENT PLAN**    **FOURTH QUARTER 2016**



## A service to help make your financial life simpler

Did you know that the Pension Plus plan accepts rollovers?

**A rollover moves a distribution from one retirement plan account to another, in accordance with IRS rules.**

A complimentary service is available to make it easier to roll over your other eligible employer-sponsored retirement accounts or Individual Retirement Accounts into your Pension Plus retirement investment account. The Account Consolidation Team will work with you from the moment you pick up the phone until the rollover process is done. There's no pressure, no commission charges and no obligation.

When you call, the Account Consolidation Team will explain your options. Once you make your decision, the team will contact your former employer or retirement account provider for you and streamline the paperwork.

To take advantage of this convenient service, call **866-865-2660** or send an email to **ACT@voya.com**.

*Carefully consider the potential differences and/or similarities between the various qualified retirement accounts before making investment-related decisions. Also, please consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the investment options carefully before investing.*

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## Smart reasons to stay in the Plan

When you terminate employment or retire, generally you can stay in the Pension Plus plan. In fact, if you are eligible to remain in the Plan, you don't have to start taking money out of your account until April 1 following the year in which you reach age 70½ or quit working, whichever happens later.

In addition, rollovers into your Pension Plus retirement investment account are allowed up to 12 months after you terminate employment.

Keeping the money in your Pension Plus retirement investment account could give you these advantages:

- the possibility you'll save money by avoiding potential fees and commissions associated with a rollover
- a wide choice of investment options
- competitive investment fees made possible through the negotiation power of the State of Michigan plan
- one website, toll free Plan Information Line and mobile app for convenient 24/7 account management
- online planning and investing tools
- education about retirement planning, investing and personal finance
- one-on-one assistance from experienced local representatives

If you are new to the State of Michigan or are planning to leave your job or retire from the State, consider talking with a representative about your choices by calling toll free **800-748-6128**. ●



## 2017 contribution limits

The Internal Revenue Service announced the limits on the amounts you may contribute to your retirement investment account in 2017.

Maximum Annual Contribution	\$18,000
Maximum including Age 50+ Catch-Up	\$24,000
457 Three-Year Traditional Catch-Up	Up to \$36,000

Beginning in the year in which you will reach age 50, you are allowed to contribute an extra \$6,000 with the Age 50+ Catch-Up option, for a total of up to \$24,000. If you are within three years of the year of your elected normal retirement age (as defined in the 457 Plan document), you may be eligible to contribute up to \$36,000 to your retirement investment account for three consecutive years prior to the year in which you will reach normal retirement age with the 457 Three-Year Traditional Catch-Up. Since this catch-up option takes into account your prior contributions, call **800-748-6128** for help with calculating the amount available to you under the 457 Three-Year Traditional Catch-Up. **You may not use both Plan Catch-Up options in the same tax year.** ●

## Required Minimum Distribution reminder

By law, annual withdrawals from retirement plan accounts called Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) must begin no later than April 1 following the year in which the account holder reaches age 70½ or retires, whichever is later. The second and successive RMD payments are made in mid-December, even if your first RMD payment was distributed in April 1 of that same year. Non-rollover withdrawals taken from an account prior to mid-December will count toward the RMD requirement. RMDs are paid either to the account holder or to the account holder's beneficiary upon the account holder's death. IRS penalties for not taking RMDs on time can be severe. **Voya Financial®** sends letters in October to Pension Plus plan participants and eligible beneficiaries who may need to take an RMD based on the birth dates and employment status on file with **Voya®**. ●

## Attention public safety officers

Qualified public safety officers who separate from service after age 50 no longer face an IRS 10 percent premature distribution penalty tax from the Pension Plus plan and other governmental retirement plans, thanks to a recent change in the law. The law, known as the Defending Public Safety Employees' Retirement Act and signed June 29, 2015, by President Obama, defines a qualified public safety employee as an employee of a state, county or city whose principal duties include services requiring specialized training in the area of police protection, firefighting services or emergency medical services.

This exemption applies to distributions from a governmental defined benefit pension plan or a governmental defined contribution plan, even if these amounts are not rolled over. Before the law was changed, employees had to be at least age 59½ or separating from service at age 55 or older to be exempt from the IRS 10 percent premature distribution penalty tax when taking a distribution from the Pension Plus plan. Distributions of amounts contributed to your retirement investment account remain the same as before the law and can be taken any time after separation from employment without an IRS penalty tax. ●



Online: [mipensionplus.org/statepolice](http://mipensionplus.org/statepolice) | Toll free: 800-748-6128 | TDD Line: 800-276-4106

For seminar information or to set up a personal meeting: 517-284-4422

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## quarterly calendar

Transactions made on this date when the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is closed will be processed the following business day that the NYSE is open:

- Monday, February 20, 2017  
Presidents' Day