USPHS All Hands Update

January 2022
Agenda

• Announcements
• Hazard Duty Pay Update
• Commissioned Officer Effectiveness Report (COER)
• Promotions and Officer Promotion Package Verification System (OPPVS)
• Awards Update
• COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting
• Other Updates
Announcements

• Happy New Year and we’re zooming in!

• Happy 133\textsuperscript{rd} Birthday to the Commissioned Corps!

• CY2021: 94 officers joined the IHS
  • Almost 10% increase over CY2020
  • Just over 50% were Calls to Active Duty
Hazard Duty Pay Update

• Approved May 12, 2021 in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

• IHS HDP requests covered the timeframe May 12, 2021 – September 30, 2021
  • Total of ABC submitted
  • Payments are pending and we appreciate your patience

• Next round of submissions will cover October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021
  • Email sent to PHS Officers requesting an updated memorandum to document continued support for the Public Health Emergency / COVID-19

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Commissioned Officer Effectiveness Report (COER)

• Due to Regional Liaison on December 31, 2021
• Liaisons have until January 15, 2021 to complete the COER.

• As of January 10, 2022, **95.8%** completed and sent to CCHQ
  • Note: For PHS officers eligible for promotion, a completed COER does not require an immediate verification of your Promotion Package

• If you’re having problems or need to reroute/correct an email address, please contact your Regional Liaison for assistance
Promotions and Officer Promotion Package Verification System (OPPVS)

• For PHS officers eligible for promotion, please be sure to follow the promotions checklist
  • [https://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis/promotions/PROMOTIONS_checklist_m.aspx](https://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis/promotions/PROMOTIONS_checklist_m.aspx)

• Verification of Promotions Package in OPPVS: February 15, 2022

• Processing Updates
How to Access
What is reviewed and what is the timeline?

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*The PIR within the promotion folder is updated each time a new document is added to the promotion folder. Additionally, it is updated on 1/1/2022 and 1/17/2022.

**Only awards with a write-up will be visible in the promotion folder. Unit awards will count towards promotion if they are visible on the PIR.
Awards Update

• Hazardous Duty Award
  • Officers must meet 180 continuous days of Hazardous Duty Pay
  • DCPS will be submitting a memorandum with the officers who meet the criteria
  • Officers must meet all requirements for approval (basic readiness, licensure, etc.)

• Individual and Unit Awards
  • IHS has confirmed that all awards that were submitted prior to 31 August 2021 has been reviewed and uploaded to an officer’s PIR. DCPS submitted an additional 126 awards that were not accounted for.
  • If you are missing an award, please send a request to your Area Awards Coordinator or to IHSCorpsAwards@ihs.gov

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COVID-19 Vaccination reporting

• Please remember to upload your initial COVID-19 vaccination status into HHS Vax in addition to sending to MAB and Service Unit Employee Health programs (as applicable). Thank you to those who have already submitted

• No update regarding requirements for COVID-19 vaccination boosters or uploading of information

• Extension of administrative approval granted for Religious Waiver requests until January 31, 2022 – more guidance/information to come
Other updates

• Leave Update – All pending leave requests for 2020 was administratively approved to close-out the leave year and calculation of carryover leave
  • 2020 Carryover leave not used by September 30, 2023 will expire and be forfeited
    • Completed by CCHQ
  • 2021 Carryover leave not used by September 30, 2023 will expire and be forfeited
    • Pending CCHQ update in eCORPs

• Congratulatory letters for the National Director’s Awards
  • Unique circumstances of the National Director’s Awards ceremony enabled DCPS to distribute letters to PHS officer recipients
  • If you are missing a letter or the letter was incorrect, please send an email to IHSCorpsAwards@ihs.gov
Reminder

- Be sure to take care of yourself.
- **Support Resources**
  - **Crisis Lines:**
    - National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK(8255) [https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/](https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/)
    - Crisis Line: [https://www.crisistextline.org/](https://www.crisistextline.org/) or Text HOME to 741741
    - Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) [https://www.thehotline.org/](https://www.thehotline.org/)
    - IHS Abuse Hotline: 1-855-SAFE-IHS (855 723-3447) [https://www.ihs.gov/sexualabuseprevention/hotline/](https://www.ihs.gov/sexualabuseprevention/hotline/)
  - **Treatment/Medical Information:**
    - SAMSHA’s Treatment Locator: [https://www.samhsa.gov/find-treatment](https://www.samhsa.gov/find-treatment)
    - Tricare Information: [https://www.tricare.mil](https://www.tricare.mil) and phone list: [https://www.tricare.mil/ContactUs/CallUs/AllContacts](https://www.tricare.mil/ContactUs/CallUs/AllContacts)
    - Military Health System Nurse Advice Line: 1-800-874-2273, Option 1 or [https://www.tricare.mil/ContactUs/CallUs/NAL](https://www.tricare.mil/ContactUs/CallUs/NAL)
    - Family Assistance Centers: [www.jointservicesupport.org](http://www.jointservicesupport.org)
    - Federal Occupational Health/Employee Assistance Program: 1-800-222-0364
  - **If you have questions or need assistance, please email us at:** PHSCorpsCare@hhs.gov.

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# Questions / Points of Contact

- General DCPS information: [https://www.ihs.gov/dcps/](https://www.ihs.gov/dcps/)

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