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Hope you're all having a wonderful summer! Hard to believe it's nearly over. It's been several months since I last wrote, so I'll try to hit the highlights and note the events we have coming up.

First, Safety HR is moving! Currently Safety HR is spread out amongst six City buildings, but in September, we'll be moving into one building at 14th and Bannock. I'll send my new contact information to you all once I have it. The phone numbers and email shouldn't change, just the address.

The main item I've been working on for many months is entering all the data from the censuses you returned in 2018 into a Microsoft Access database. The City is moving forward with putting our retirees into the online system the City uses for active employees, called Workday. The information I entered into Access will be uploaded into Workday and then all the retiree information will be in one place! This will allow myself and the Safety Benefits team to manage your information, benefits, and any changes much more easily.

My next step is to compare our information to FPPA's information, and we will both make any necessary changes to addresses, phone numbers and spouse updates to the most recent information you've sent. If an Old Hire Beneficiary Change Form with supporting documentation is needed, you may see a follow-up request from me.

Those of you or your spouses who are nearing Medicare eligibility (typically age 65), or those of you who enrolled in Medicare recently should receive an email from SafetyBenefits@denvergov.org inviting you to a Medicare Information Session we are hosting at District 2 on Holly St on August 21. A representative from United Healthcare will present information on Medicare- how it works, when to enroll, the basics of Medicare A, B, C, and D plans. Although UHC is presenting, Kaiser plan enrollees are also welcome to attend. The presentation will include some information specific to UHC, but will mainly provide Medicare basics so great general information for everyone.

I've spent 10 years learning about Medicare and how it relates to employer coverage options, so I know it can be very confusing to navigate. We are hoping to be able to answer questions you all have! The invitation will be included at the end of this newsletter. If you're interested, please reach out to me to register. For now I have opened registration to retirees only, but I will send it to active DPD members later in August if there's space available.

Open Enrollment planning is well underway. We will host seminars in October and changes can be made to your medical, dental, and vision elections during this time. I will provide more information as we get closer.

Please continue to reach out to me with any changes or questions you have!

Regards,
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MEDICARE INFORMATION SESSION- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

The Department of Safety Benefits Team is hosting Medicare information sessions for Denver Police retirees, their spouses, and surviving spouses who are within a few years of Medicare eligibility (typically age 65), or who recently enrolled in a Medicare health plan. This session will be presented by United Healthcare and go over general Medicare information: how Medicare works, what to expect with Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement plans, and when to enroll in Medicare or switch plans.

Medicare Information Session

Wednesday, August 21, 2019, at 10 am

District 2, Community Room

3921 Holly St, Denver, CO 80207

The UHC representative will be available afterwards for any questions and provide some handouts and information to all attendees. General Medicare information will be provided, so Kaiser DPD enrollees are also encouraged to attend; however, please note some of the presentation will be specific to UHC plans.

Please register by emailing Laura Hall at laura.hall@denvergov.org or calling 720-865-8867. Note your name, badge number, contact information (phone or email) to register, and how many will attend. You are welcome to bring your spouse!

Feel free to reach out to Laura Hall at the above information with any questions.