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FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL PROMOTES CAPTAIN TO LEAD LOCAL TROOP

~ Spaulding takes command of FHP's Troop B ~

LAKE CITY, Fla. –Florida Highway Patrol Director, Col. John Czernis, announced today that Capt. Gene Spaulding now has the reins as the new troop commander of Troop B. As he assumes his new position within the Patrol, Spaulding will trade in his captain's bars for the gold oak leaf cluster worn by majors, and he will oversee the troop that covers the I-75 gateway to Florida.

“During his 17-year career with the Patrol, Major Spaulding has demonstrated the skills and abilities necessary to be an effective leader. He is ready for the next step in his career, which requires a great amount of self-initiative and responsibility,” said Czernis. “I have full confidence in his abilities to lead the troop that enforces the laws related to highway safety and security in Troop B. Major Spaulding is charged with leading his troop with an eye toward meeting our agency vision of a Safer Florida.”

Spaulding is currently assigned to Troop G in Jacksonville, where he has been district commander since 2005. As district commander, he oversees field operations for four counties in the Jacksonville area. He began his career in Troop K, West Palm Beach, after graduating from the 87th Recruit Class. Since then, he has moved up through the ranks, spending most of his career in Jacksonville.

Spaulding is a graduate of the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Leadership Seminar and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia College of Missouri.

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