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FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL PROMOTES CAPTAIN TO LEAD LOCAL TROOP

~ Vazquez takes command of FHP's Troop F ~

BRADENTON, Fla. –Florida Highway Patrol Director, Col. John Czernis, announced today that Capt. Carlos Vazquez now has the reins as the new troop commander of Troop F. As he assumes his new position within the Patrol, Vazquez will trade in his captain's bars for the gold oak leaf cluster worn by majors, and he will oversee the troop that covers Florida's southwest coastal area.

"During his 17-year career with the Patrol, Major Vazquez 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 southwest Florida. Major Vazquez is charged with leading his troop with an eye toward meeting our agency vision of a Safer Florida."

Vazquez is currently assigned to the Bureau of Investigations in Tampa, as a regional commander where he has been since 2007. He began his career with the Florida Highway Patrol in Tampa after graduating from the 84th Recruit Class in 1990. Since then, he has moved up through the ranks, spending most of his career in Tampa.

Vazquez has an Associate in Arts from the Hillsborough Community College and is currently working toward a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology at the University of South Florida. He has completed FHP's Executive Leadership training.

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