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### **CAPTAIN RICHARD H. COLLINS APPOINTED STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SUPERINTENDENT**

**COLUMBUS** – Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Henry J. Guzmán today announced the appointment of Captain Richard H. Collins, 47, of Tiffin to serve as Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, effective April 20. Collins succeeds Interim Superintendent Major Robert W. Booker, Jr., who has led the Patrol since the March 16 retirement of Col. Paul McClellan.

“Captain Collins brings more than a decade of experience from his command assignments on the post and district level to this appointment as the 15<sup>th</sup> Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol,” Director Guzmán said. “He is a veteran trooper who has a unique understanding of the operational aspects of the Patrol and the challenges that our state continues to face in the areas of highway safety, homeland security and criminal interdiction. I look forward to working closely with Superintendent Collins, his senior staff, the dedicated men and women of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and our local law enforcement partners who are committed in their efforts to ensure the safety of all Ohioans.”

Collins, a 28-year veteran of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, has served as Findlay District Commander since his promotion to captain in November 2000. He began his career with the Ohio State Highway Patrol in 1978 as a cadet dispatcher, and was a member of the 108<sup>th</sup> Cadet Class of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy. A Marion native, Collins has served in assignments at the Marion, Mansfield, Piqua and Findlay Posts, and the Patrol’s General Headquarters. He previously served as Findlay Post Commander (1992-1995) and Bucyrus District Assistant Commander (1997-2000). Collins received Trooper of the Year honors for the Marion Patrol Post in 1986 and was a past recipient of the Blue Max “Ace” Auto Larceny Award.

He is a graduate of The Ohio State University, Bluffton University and Tiffin University.

A division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the Ohio State Highway Patrol is an internationally accredited agency dedicated to professional law enforcement service. The Patrol provides statewide traffic services to keep our roadways safe; statewide emergency response services and support services to the public and the criminal justice community; investigation of criminal activities on state-owned and leased property throughout Ohio, and security for the Governor and other dignitaries. For more information, visit [www.statepatrol.ohio.gov](http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov).

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