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## **Governor Strickland to Swear-in Patrol's 16<sup>th</sup> Superintendent**

**WHAT:** Swearing-in ceremony for the Ohio State Highway Patrol's 16<sup>th</sup> Superintendent, Colonel David W. Dicken

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010 at 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy  
740 East 17th Avenue (I-71 @ 17th Ave., near Ohio Expo Center)

**WHO:** Governor Ted Strickland  
Director Cathy Collins-Taylor, Ohio Department of Public Safety  
Colonel David W. Dicken, Patrol Superintendent  
Captain Kevin Teaford, Interim Superintendent

Governor Strickland will swear-in Captain David W. Dicken, 48, to serve as Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Dicken succeeds Interim Superintendent Captain Kevin Teaford who has led the Patrol since the Sept. 18, 2009, retirement of Colonel Richard H. Collins.

Dicken, a 19-year veteran of the Patrol, had most recently served as Executive Officer of the Office of Finance and Logistic Services and was responsible for the preparation, implementation and management of the Patrol's biennial operating budget, as well as the biennial capital budget. He worked in various capacities with the Office of Finance and Logistic Services since 2000, previously serving as Executive Officer and Commander of Fiscal Services unit.

He began his career with the Ohio State Highway Patrol in 1990 as a trooper, and was a member of the 120th Cadet Class of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy. He is a graduate of The University of Cincinnati and the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command.

A Cincinnati native, Dicken has served in assignments at the Portsmouth, Georgetown and Swanton Posts, and the Patrol's General Headquarters. He previously served as Swanton Post Commander and Georgetown Post Assistant Commander.

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