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CAPTAIN KEVIN TEAFORD APPOINTED INTERIM STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SUPERINTENDENT

(COLUMBUS) – Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Cathy Collins-Taylor today announced the appointment of Captain Kevin Teaford, 42, of Grove City to serve as Interim Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Teaford succeeds Col. Richard Collins, who retired effective Friday, Sept. 18 culminating a 31-year career with the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

“With his extensive background in the administration and operations of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Captain Teaford is uniquely qualified to serve as the agency’s leader through this transitional period,” Director Collins-Taylor said. “He is well-respected by his peers in the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the law enforcement community, and I look forward to working very closely with him during the coming weeks.”

Teaford, a 21-year veteran of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, currently serves as the Executive Officer of the Office of Training, Selection & Standards. He began his career with the Ohio State Highway Patrol in 1988 as a trooper, and was a member of the 117th Cadet Class of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy.

A Meigs County native, Teaford has served in assignments at the Gallipolis, Ironton, Jackson and West Jefferson Posts, and the Patrol’s General Headquarters. He previously served as a Staff Lieutenant in the Office of Human Resource Management, where he served as Commander of the Labor Relation and Career Development Units. Following his promotion to Captain in 2004, he served as Executive Officer in the Office of Human Resources Management. Teaford received Trooper of the Year honors for the Gallipolis Patrol Post in 1991.

He is a graduate of The University of Rio Grande and the FBI National Academy, and is currently pursuing graduate studies at The Ohio State 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.

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