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MAJOR ROBERT W. BOOKER, JR. APPOINTED INTERIM STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SUPERINTENDENT

COLUMBUS – Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Henry J. Guzmán today announced the appointment of Major Robert W. Booker, Jr., 49, of Grove City to serve as Interim Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Booker succeeds Col. Paul McClellan, who is retiring effective today culminating a 32-year career with the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

“I look forward to working very closely with Major Booker as he leads the Ohio State Highway Patrol through this time of transition,” Director Guzmán said. “I thank Col. Paul McClellan for his 32 years of distinguished service to the Patrol and the citizens of our state, and I appreciate the continued efforts of the dedicated men and women of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, who provide the highest level of service to Ohio’s motoring public.”

A 29-year veteran of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Booker was promoted to captain in January 2001, and in January 2003 was promoted to the rank of major and assumed command of the Office of Investigative Services. Booker, a Columbus native, has served in assignments at Circleville, Columbus District Headquarters and the Patrol’s General Headquarters. During his 19-year tenure at Patrol Headquarters, he has served in the Administration-Human Resources Office and the Office of the Investigative Services – where he has served for the past seven years.

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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