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PATROL LEADERSHIP REVIEW PANEL ESTABLISHES SELECTION CRITERIA FOR NEXT PATROL SUPERINTENDENT

(COLUMBUS) – Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Cathy Collins-Taylor today accepted recommendations by the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Leadership Review Panel of selection criteria established for the hiring of the 16th Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP).

The OSHP Leadership Review Panel is a five-member group appointed earlier this month by Director Collins-Taylor to assist in the selection of the Patrol's next leader. Veteran attorney and former City of Columbus Public Safety Director Larry H. James chairs the panel, whose members include Sarah Ellis, Senior Corporate Learning & Development Consultant, Nationwide Insurance; J. Randall Van Dyne, Assistant Vice President, University of Findlay; Robert J. Young, Human Resources Administrator, Ohio Department of Public Safety; and, Sgt. Jeremy Mendenhall, representing the Ohio State Troopers Association and the Ohio Troopers Coalition.

"I am very pleased with the deliberate work of the Panel through this process. The selection criteria that this group established and recommended will ensure that the Ohio State Highway Patrol attracts a diverse group of qualified candidates for one of our state's key law enforcement leadership positions," said Larry H. James, chair of the OSHP Leadership Review Panel.

Under Ohio law, the Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety holds the authority to fill the position. Panel members will evaluate the qualifications of applicants for the superintendent's position and then make non-binding recommendations to the Director based on their evaluations.

The search for a successful candidate will be open to both internal and external candidates, Director Collins-Taylor said.

The selection criteria established by the panel for external candidates requires candidates to have 20 years of progressively responsible law enforcement experience with a large law enforcement agency (approximately 1,000 sworn officers), with five (5) years of this time including experience as a senior executive. Current Ohio State Highway Patrol employees will be required to meet the minimum class specification, which includes one year of service at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; two years of service at the rank of Major, or, three years of service at the rank of Captain.

Ohio Department of Public Safety officials expect to formally open the application process early next week with the release of a comprehensive job posting for the position. The salary range for the position is \$60,611 - \$134,056 and is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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