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SC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Leroy Smith, Director

HIGHWAY PATROL

Colonel Christopher N. Williamson, Commander

--MEMORANDUM--

To: SCHP Personnel

From: Colonel Christopher N. Williamson *CNW*

Date: May 17, 2019

Re: Command Staff Retirements / Promotions

I am announcing changes today in our command staff, including three retirements and corresponding promotions. Major Melvin Warren and Major Michael Warren have announced their retirements, both of which are effective June 2, 2019. In addition, Captain Russell Howard has announced his retirement, effective May 17, 2019.

Major Melvin Warren has served as Region Two Commander for ten years and has been with the Highway Patrol for thirty-three years. Major Michael Warren has served as Region One Commander for three years and has been with SCHP for thirty-two years. Captain Howard has served as commander of Special Operations since July 2, 2015, and has been with SCHP for thirty years. I would like to thank all of these professionals for their dedicated service and commitment to the South Carolina Highway Patrol. I wish each of them the very best in their retirement.

As we look toward the future of our organization, I am pleased that we have experienced leaders ready to assume command for each of these roles.

The following promotions are effective June 2, 2019:

- **Major, Region One:** Captain Bobby J. Albert has been promoted to commander of Region One. Major Albert will oversee Troops 1-4. He has been with the Highway Patrol for twenty-five years and most recently served as Troop Four Commander. He served in the SC Army National Guard for twenty-two years and retired at the rank of command sergeant major in 2008.
- **Major, Region Two:** Captain Travis Manley has been promoted to commander of Region Two, where he will oversee Troops 5-8. Major Manley has been with SCHP for twenty-seven years and has most recently served as Troop One commander. He brings strong field leadership experience with him having served as commander of both Troop One and Troop Six.
- **Captain, Troop Four:** Lieutenant Jeff Wade has been promoted to commander of Troop Four. Captain Wade has served with the Highway Patrol for more than twenty-seven years and has most recently served as lieutenant in Troop Four. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of South Carolina.
- **Captain, Troop One:** Lieutenant Everick Patterson has been promoted as commander of Troop One.

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Captain Patterson has been with the Highway Patrol for twenty-two years and has most recently served as lieutenant in Troop One, overseeing Posts A and D. Captain Patterson served thirty-one years in the U.S. Army, retiring in 2016 at the rank of command sergeant major.

- **Captain, Special Operations:** Lieutenant Derrick Gamble has been promoted as commander of the Special Operations Unit. He has served with SCHP for twenty-five years and most recently served as lieutenant of Special Operations, where he also serves on the Honor Guard. He has been in the U.S. Army Reserves since 1989 and served in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Please join me in offering your support to these men as we continue to offer the highest level of service and professionalism to our state's citizens and visitors.

cc: Director Leroy Smith
Colonel Leroy Taylor
Chief Kenneth Phelps
Chief John Hancock
Major Shawn Stankus
Lieutenant Eddie Johnson
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