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FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL PROMOTES CAPTAIN TO LEAD LOCAL TROOP

~ Saucedo takes command of FHP's Troop K ~

OCOEE, Fla. – Florida Highway Patrol Director, Col. John Czernis, announced today that Capt. Joseph Saucedo will take the reins as the new troop commander of Troop K on July 10. As he assumes his new position within the Patrol, Saucedo will trade in his captain's bars for the gold oak leaf cluster worn by majors, and he will oversee the troop that covers the Florida Turnpike.

“During his 15-year career with the Patrol, Major Saucedo has demonstrated tremendous leadership skills. He is ready for the next step in his career, which requires a great amount of responsibility,” said Czernis. “I have full confidence in his abilities to lead the troop that enforces our traffic laws on the turnpike.”

Saucedo is currently assigned to Troop D in Orlando, Fla., where he has been district commander since 2005. As district commander, he oversees field operations for Orange and Osceola counties. Saucedo began his career with the Florida Highway Patrol in Fort Myers, Fla., after graduating from the 88th recruit class in 1995. Since then, he has moved up through the ranks spending most of his career in Orlando and Fort Myers.

Saucedo holds an associate degree in engineering science from Nassau Community College in Garden City, N.Y., and a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics from the University of Central Florida in Orlando. He is a member of FHP's Subject Matter Expert Committee, which creates the promotional exams and assessment topics for the ranks of corporal, sergeant, lieutenant and captain.

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