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### FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL PROMOTES CAPTAIN TO LEAD LOCAL TROOP

*~ Ramil takes command of FHP's Troop L ~*

**LANTANA, Fla.** – Florida Highway Patrol Director, Col. John Czernis, announced today that Capt. Aurelio Luis Ramil will take the reigns as the new troop commander of Troop L on July 10. As he assumes his new position within the Patrol, Ramil will trade in his captain's bars for the gold oak leaf cluster worn by majors, and he will oversee the troop that covers Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties. Ramil will fill a position vacated upon the promotion of his predecessor, Chief Miguel Guzman, when he became FHP's Southern Region Commander.

“Major Ramil has spent 23 years with the Patrol, and the past six have been in Troop L. He knows the area and has demonstrated that 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 in southeast Florida.”

Since 2003, Ramil has been a district commander in Troop L's Lake Worth district, which covers Palm Beach County. Ramil began his career with the Florida Highway Patrol in Miami after graduating at the top of the 77<sup>th</sup> recruit class in 1986. At the academy, Ramil received the Executive Director's award for the highest grade point average and the Director's award for courtesy and dedication. Since then, he has moved up through the ranks in Miami and West Palm Beach, and has been a supervisor for nearly 19 years.

Ramil is trained in dignitary protection services by the U.S. Secret Service and the Florida Highway Patrol. He has represented Florida as an assessor for other states' law enforcement promotion boards. Ramil also speaks fluent Spanish.

Prior to his career with FHP, Ramil served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps as an infantry sergeant. He enlisted for four years, to include a tour in Japan. There, Ramil trained marines and soldiers on small arms marksmanship.

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