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### New Alaska Wildlife Trooper Colonel Announced

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, Joe Masters, is please to introduce Colonel Jim Cockrell as the newly appointed director of the Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers. On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Colonel Cockrell will take over the Division following the retirement of Colonel Gary Folger.

Colonel Cockrell is no stranger to the Department of Public Safety. He first pinned on a badge as a Fish and Wildlife Protection Officer in 1983. He rose through the ranks and retired as a Major for the Alaska State Troopers in 2004. His retirement was short lived and he returned almost immediately as an Alaska State Trooper to coordinate a Joint Enforcement Agreement with Federal partners before hanging up his Stetson again in 2007.

Cockrell, not one to take retirement as a ticket to the leisurely life, joined on with Doyon Universal Services as a Security Captain, and later as a Senior Security Administrator for Nana Management Services providing contract security services at critical infrastructure and petro chemical facilities. In these capacities he was responsible for safeguarding corporate assets, security policy adherence, and to ensure that federal regulations under the Marine Transportation Security Act were met. He was also a member of their Critical Incident Management Teams.

Cockrell is bringing back to DPS over two decades of supervisory and budgetary experience and is passionate about continuing his career of protecting Alaska's wildlife resources. DPS is thrilled to have him back in the ranks taking a position at the helm of the Alaska Wildlife Troopers. Please join me in providing a warm welcome as the new Colonel takes on his duties.



Jim Cockrell in 2003 as a Major for the Alaska State Troopers

