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## Brinke Appointed to Head Division of Alaska State Troopers

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – Alaska Department of Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monegan is pleased to announce Colonel Hans Brinke as the new director of the Division of Alaska State Troopers. Brinke's appointment is effective Tuesday May 16, 2017.

Col. Brinke started his career with DPS in 1991 when he attended the 41<sup>st</sup> Recruit Class at the Public Safety Academy in Sitka. He rose through the ranks working in patrol in both rural and urban settings. Through the years he has served as a K9 handler and a drug investigator before being promoted to Captain at Headquarters in Anchorage. As a Captain, Col. Brinke was integral in developing the Alaska Bureau of Highway Patrol and has served as the B Detachment Commander in Palmer since 2011.

Please join us in congratulating Col. Brinke on his appointment.

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