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Media Release

Deputy Chief John O'Rourke appointed to Lieutenant Colonel, the assistant Chief of the Nevada Highway Patrol

Department of Public Safety Director James M. Wright, Deputy Director Jackie Muth and Colonel Dennis S. Osborn announce the appointment of the Nevada Highway Patrol's newest Lieutenant Colonel this morning. Deputy Chief O'Rourke will assume the duties of Lieutenant Colonel at a date to be determined by Parole and Probation Chief Natalie Wood and Colonel Osborn.

O'Rourke has served with the Department for over 20 years and joined the Nevada Highway Patrol as a trooper in July 1995. Lieutenant Colonel O'Rourke has promoted through the ranks working in various assignments with his most recent assignment as the Northern Command Deputy Chief with the Parole and Probation Division.

O'Rourke has a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Multi-Disciplinary Studies from Grantham University and is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command class 265.

A formal promotion ceremony is being planned and we will announce that date as soon as it is confirmed. Lieutenant Colonel O'Rourke replaces former Nevada Highway Patrol Lieutenant Colonel Brian Sanchez who retired from the Department this last August after serving over 25 years with the agency.



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