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ALEA Joins Mississippi and Louisiana in 10-8 on 10 Safety Initiative

MONTGOMERY – On Thursday, July 1, Troopers within the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency’s (ALEA) Highway Patrol, in conjunction with the Mississippi Highway Patrol and Louisiana State Police, will participate in an intensified enforcement effort on Interstate 10 called “10-8 on 10, One Road, One Mission.” The police code, 10-8 is commonly known to law enforcement as “in service” or “available for assignment.”

Troopers in their respective states have been placed statewide on Interstate 10 to remove impaired drivers, reduce crashes, promote seatbelt usage, and deter speeding. In addition, ALEA Troopers will also focus on enforcing Alabama’s Move Over Law which requires motorists to make a lane change when approaching emergency or tow vehicles, or slow down to a reasonable speed if they are not able to safely switch lanes.

“In joining with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency and the Louisiana State Police, we are committed to one mission, keeping the public safe,” said Colonel Randy Ginn, Director of the Mississippi Highway Patrol. “As Troopers, we share not only borders, but the same goals in saving lives and providing safe travel to and through our states.”

“We are proud to partner with our neighboring states in an effort to keep not only Alabama citizens safe, but also those who are visiting or simply passing through,” said Colonel Jimmy Helms, Director of ALEA’s Department of Public Safety. “Our agency’s stance has always been one traffic related death is one too many. ALEA, along with our state partners share the same goal, we truly want everyone to arrive safely to their destinations and enjoy this holiday weekend with friends and loved ones.”

“Effective law enforcement requires strong partnerships and today’s initiative is a testament to just that. We are proud to work alongside other state agencies to make our home states safer for everyone,” said ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor. “We ask all citizens to please obey the laws, make smart choices and help us save lives.”

This high visibility enforcement detail will precede the Fourth of July holiday travel period and is designed to keep motorists safe during peak travel times.

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