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ALEA Media Request Policy

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) welcomes all media opportunities and requests. This policy governs when ALEA will grant permission to members of the media to interview ALEA Troopers, Special Agents or support staff.

Members of the media must secure permission from ALEA's Office of External Affairs to conduct any interview, except for situations listed in number 3 of this document. ALEA will consider reasonable requests for news-related, noncommercial interviews and tapings but reserves the right to deny requests. The following guidelines apply to all members of the media who are engaged in acquiring news with the intent to disseminate it through legitimate and recognized mediums and who request permission to conduct an interview, film, videotape, or photograph.

1. Members of the media must submit all requests for permission to conduct an interview, film, videotape or photograph with an ALEA Trooper or a member of ALEA's support staff by contacting the Office of External Affairs from Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., by telephone (334517-2917) e-mail (media.relations@alea.gov), or speaking directly to an External Affairs and Public Information staff member assigned to ALEA's Office of the Secretary.
2. Requests for permission to conduct an interview, film, videotape or photograph must be made at least 1-2 business days before the proposed interview, filming, videotaping, or photographing. In the case of breaking news where a 1-2 business day lead time is not feasible, requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
3. Members of the media may directly contact Troopers who serve as public information officers for details on traffic fatalities, road closures, boating fatalities, search and rescue operations, as well as breaking news from the field. In addition, these Trooper PIOs will continue to send out releases on traffic/boating fatalities. For basic news concerning ALEA's State Bureau of Investigation (officer-involved shootings, death investigations, narcotics seizures), members of the media may directly contact the commanders of SBI's regional offices.
4. Requests for permission to conduct an interview, film, videotape, or photograph made directly to the subject are in violation of these guidelines and may not be honored.
5. Members of the media must be accompanied by an ALEA External Affairs and Public Information staff member when conducting interviews with ALEA leadership and/or support staff.