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### **VOTE ALEA: Parked in Paradise**

*Voting for AAST's "Best-Looking Cruiser" Contest Runs through July 31*

**MONTGOMERY** – Voting has officially begun for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual America's Best-Looking Cruiser Contest!

Each year, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) joins fellow highway patrol and state police organizations across the nation vying for the top spot in the American Association of State Troopers's (AAST) "Best-Looking Cruiser" Contest. Photos are chosen through popular vote and placed in the AAST's calendar. The Association develops a new calendar annually, with proceeds benefiting educational scholarships for members' dependents.

This year, the Agency "parked in paradise" while showcasing one of its 2023 Ford F-250 pickups within ALEA's Marine Patrol Division. The truck is placed on one of Alabama's scenic beaches that attract millions of visitors from all over the nation each year. With the Agency's classic Huey helicopter flying overhead, the photo was taken during the most recent Fourth of July holiday period. Throughout the extended holiday, the Agency partnered with authorities from the cities of Orange Beach and Gulf Shores to conduct a Rescue Swimmer Detail for the second year in a row. During this detail, ALEA Aviation provided an aircraft and pilot to quickly fly and deploy rescue swimmers from both Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Fire Departments to distressed swimmers. The aircraft was also utilized to conduct beach safety flights, patrolling in those areas where lifeguards were not immediately available.

Thanks to the public, ALEA ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation and won a spot in the 2023 calendar, along with a number of previous calendars. This past year's submission featured ALEA's 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe, placed with the iconic F-16C Fighting Falcon "Red Tails" fighter aircraft, stationed at Dannelly Field in Montgomery.

This year, the Agency is hoping to land the cover of the calendar, and you can help by casting your vote [HERE](#). Please be advised that this year's contest will be tabulated through the SurveyMonkey website, the official voting site for all states. You may also access this link on the AAST's Facebook page.

Voting for America's Best-Looking Cruiser will close at 11 a.m. CDT on Monday, July 31.

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