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ALEA Celebrates National Reading Month and Offers Live Virtual Option for ‘Read Across America Day’

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) is proud to join Governor Kay Ivey’s Office and others across the state in participating in ‘Read Across America Day,’ a nationwide reading celebration honoring Dr. Seuss’s birthday. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries and community centers participate by bringing together kids and teens to foster a love for books. Additionally, March is considered National Reading Month and ALEA’s Recruiting Coordinators and Public Affairs Officers have scheduled reading visits with schools across the state.

“I want to thank the schools for allowing our Troopers to participate in this program. Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers,” ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said. “Additionally, I think it is important for us to visit schools and interact with young children as often as possible in hopes that these encounters will plant the seeds of trust between the community and law enforcement while inspiring the next generation. In return, these positive interactions help remind our Troopers of exactly why they made the decision to serve others.”

This year, ALEA is also offering a free alternative in a digital format to allow teachers and parents to safely participate during this national day of reading. The Agency would like to invite all elementary classrooms to participate in a 15-to-20-minute reading session followed by a Q&A session to ask the Trooper about his or her job in law enforcement on Wednesday, March 2, at 10 a.m. Interested teachers and school staff may email the Agency at media.relations@alea.gov to receive the participation link via Zoom.

Read Across America Day is supported by the National Education Association (NEA), the nation’s largest professional employer organization, is committed to advancing the cause of public education.

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