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NORTH DAKOTA HIGHWAY PATROL PROMOTIONS AND REASSIGNMENTS

Colonel James Prochniak, superintendent of the North Dakota Highway Patrol, announces the promotion and reassignment of Lieutenant Eldon P. Mehrer, Sergeant Bryan J. Niewind, and Trooper Joshua J. Rude.

Effective August 1, 2009, Lieutenant Eldon Mehrer was promoted to the rank of captain and reassigned to Fargo as the administrative commander of the Southeast Region.

Captain Mehrer began his career with the Highway Patrol in January 1991 attending the Highway Patrol Academy. Upon graduation, he was stationed as a trooper in Crosby and later transferred to Williston. In January 1999, he was promoted to sergeant and reassigned as district sergeant of the Dickinson Highway Patrol District. Captain Mehrer was promoted to lieutenant in December 2007 and reassigned to Jamestown as operations commander of the Southeast Region where he served until his current promotion and reassignment. Captain Mehrer is a graduate of The Traffic Institute, Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command and holds a Bachelor of University Studies degree from Dickinson State University.

Effective September 1, 2009, Sergeant Bryan Niewind was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and reassigned as operations commander of the Southeast Region. Trooper Joshua Rude was promoted to the rank of sergeant and reassigned to Jamestown as a sergeant in the Southeast Region.

Lieutenant Niewind began his career with the Highway Patrol in September 2000 attending the Highway Patrol Academy. Upon graduation, he was stationed as a trooper in Medina and later transferred to Valley City. In October 2007, he was promoted to sergeant of the Southeast Region where he has served until his current promotion. Lieutenant Niewind is a graduate of The Traffic Institute, Northwestern University School of Police and Command and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services from Valley City State University.

Sergeant Rude began his career with the Highway Patrol in June 2004 attending the Highway Patrol Academy. Upon graduation, he was stationed as a trooper in Grand Forks where he has served until his current promotion and reassignment. Sergeant Rude holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Jamestown College.

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