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### **DPS Expands Program to Schedule Road Skills Driver License Tests Montgomery and Tuscaloosa to Begin Offering Applicants Option of Scheduling Appointments**

MONTGOMERY – Effective May 1, the Department of Public Safety will begin accepting appointments from driver license applicants in Montgomery and Tuscaloosa who wish to schedule their road skills tests for licensing. Public Safety Director Col. J. Christopher Murphy said DPS is expanding the scheduling service to those locations following the success of a pilot program begun in Birmingham in October 2007.

“At Public Safety, we are changing our business practices to improve driver license services statewide,” said Murphy. “Options like scheduling road tests serve the public better, and the success of this program in Birmingham, Huntsville, and Mobile has led to expansion in Montgomery and Tuscaloosa.”

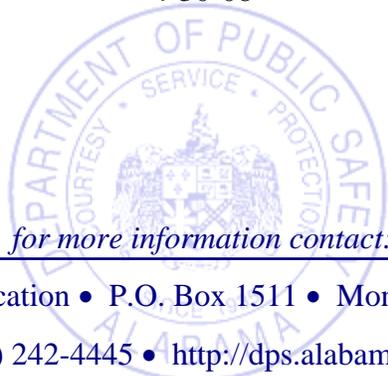
Examining offices at 1040 Coliseum Blvd. in Montgomery and 2645 Skyland Blvd. in Tuscaloosa will begin accepting appointments Thursday, May 1, for road skills tests starting the week of May 5.

Appointments may be scheduled up to two weeks in advance. To schedule an appointment to take the road skills test, applicants may call the Montgomery office at (334) 242-4141 or the Tuscaloosa office at (205) 553-0729 during regular business hours. Applicants also may schedule an appointment via e-mail through Public Safety’s Web site, <http://dps.alabama.gov>.

In addition to the scheduled appointments, both offices will continue to accept walk-in applicants on a first-come, first-served basis.

Murphy said Alabama’s driver licensing improvements are possible only through the support and leadership of Gov. Bob Riley and the Alabama legislature. “Gov. Riley and our legislators have made improving driver license services a priority, and we are grateful for their support of our work to better serve Alabamians,” said Murphy.

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