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**RILEY NAMES DEESE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
*CAREER STATE TROOPER TO ASSUME NEW RESPONSIBILITIES NOV. 1*

**Montgomery** — Gov. Bob Riley announced Tuesday the appointment of career state trooper Maj. Glenda Deese as assistant director of the Alabama Department of Public Safety. The appointment is effective Nov. 1, 2003.

"I am delighted to name Maj. Deese to this position of leadership at Public Safety," Riley said. "Throughout her 23-year career at DPS, Maj. Deese has demonstrated her commitment to the department and to the public's safety. Now, as assistant director, she will bring to bear her considerable skills and experience in new ways to benefit Public Safety and the Alabamians this agency serves."

Deese joined DPS as a state trooper cadet in 1980. She became the first African-American woman to complete the trooper cadet program and was promoted to trooper in 1981. Deese served in the Highway Patrol Division, assigned to the Selma Post, and transferred to the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center upon her promotion to corporal in 1988, where she served as assistant basic training coordinator. As sergeant, she assumed responsibility for basic training and later was promoted to lieutenant, serving as assistant commander of the training center.

In 1997, Deese was promoted to captain and appointed as the state's chief driver license examiner. Two years later she was promoted to major and named chief of DPS's Administrative Division, in which position she has managed the department's budget, personnel, payroll, grants, public information, planning and research, and executive security functions.

As assistant director, Deese succeeds Lt. Col. John Fisher, who resigned in September to return to his home in Birmingham.

A native of Selma, Deese holds the associate of arts degree from Concordia College and will complete the bachelor's degree program in business management at Concordia this year. She and her husband have three children.