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### New State Troopers Graduate, Take Oath of Office

#### *Members of Class 2008-B Join Trooper Ranks*

**MONTGOMERY** — Graduation ceremonies were held Friday, Nov. 21, in Montgomery for the 20 members of Trooper Class 2008-B. Department of Public Safety Deputy Director Lt. Col. F.A. Bingham administered the oath of office to commission the new troopers, and State Rep. Mike Hubbard served as guest speaker at the graduation.

Lt. Col. Bingham congratulated the graduates and welcomed them as the newest members of the DPS's Highway Patrol Division. "As troopers you perform a valuable public service, one that has a direct impact on the lives and safety of all who travel our state's roadways," said Bingham. He stressed to the new troopers their obligation to uphold the highest professional and ethical standards in the performance of their duties.

Each of the new troopers completed a demanding 22-week training regimen at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center, Public Safety's training academy in Selma, to prepare them for initial duty assignments in the Highway Patrol.

In addition, several class members were recognized among their peers for outstanding achievement. Brett L. Manuel and Ronald J. Redding received the Marksmanship Award for exhibiting the highest level of knowledge, skill and safety in firearms training. The Fitness Award went to Richard D. Bosarge for attaining the highest level of physical fitness. Johnathan D. Appling earned the Academic Award for achieving the highest overall grade point average, and Christopher K. Brown received the Highway Response and Driving Award for demonstrating a high level of knowledge and ability in defensive and pursuit driving.

Ron E. Hodge II was selected as the class's top performer overall, receiving the Commander's Award for exhibiting exceptional leadership, professionalism and dedication to Class 2008-B and the Department of Public Safety, while maintaining a high academic average.

A roster of the members of Class 2008-B, along with their post and county assignments, follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>County</u>
Michael A. Aaron	Birmingham	Walker
Johnathan D. Appling	Birmingham	Walker
Michael A. Bolden	Mobile	Baldwin
Richard D. Bosarge	Mobile	Mobile

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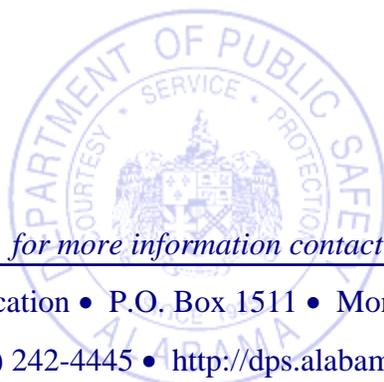
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Christopher K. Brown  
Brian K. Cagle  
Mike F. Davis  
William D. Durden  
William E. Elston  
Ashley R. Fetter  
Jerome D. Franks  
Ronald E. Hodge II  
Carl. G. Johnson  
Jesse J. Johnson  
Kevin W. Johnson  
Brett L. Manuel  
Randy E. Putman  
Ronald J. Redding  
James M. Rice  
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