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### **Alaska Wildlife Troopers Joins the Medallion Foundation**

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – The Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers is undertaking a new endeavor in the name of aviation safety. The Aviation Unit’s pilots include both State and Wildlife troopers, as well as a few civilian pilots, spread out across the state. AWT is committed to the high standards laid out by the Medallion Foundation. The Medallion Foundation is a non-profit organization promoting aviation safety through systems enhancements by providing management resources, training, and support to the aviation community.

One third of the Department of Public Safety’s troopers or commissioned personnel killed while on duty have died as the result of an aircraft crash. By participating in the Medallion Foundations’ program AWT hopes to prevent the loss of any other employee due to an aircraft incident.

“AWT already has high safety standards. Our pilots are meticulous and well-trained. Joining the Medallion Foundation is one more way for us to keep aviation safety front and center in our mind,” said Col. Gary Folger, Director of the Alaska Wildlife Troopers. “Safety is paramount.”

The Medallion Foundation is focused on changing the culture and attitude of operators and pilots flying in Alaska. The Foundation provides training on system safety and human behavior in an effort to reduced aviation accidents.