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AST Nominated for Freedom Award

Anchorage – Any good agency strives to show its employees that they are important and valued. It is an honor when the tables have turned. The Department of Public Safety Alaska State Troopers is one of two agencies nominated to receive the 2016 Freedom Award. The other agency nominated is Alaska Airlines.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense office, announced two Alaska employers of current serving Alaska National Guard and Reserve employees are among the 139 semifinalists for the 2016 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award (commonly referred to as the “Freedom Award”).

The Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the DoD to employers for their support of National Guard and Reserve members. On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, ESGR organizes the annual award program, which has presented the honor to 220 employers since 1996. Each year, up to 15 awards are presented to employers in the three categories – large (500 or more employees), small (fewer than 500 employees), and public sector.

“To be one of two agencies selected for consideration for the Freedom Award is a true honor,” said Colonel James Cockrell, Director of the Alaska State Troopers. “The dedication of our employees is what makes this agency great. We do what we can to provide them the support they need to be successful.”

For more information on Alaska’s Freedom Award nominees, contact Jamie Abordonado at 907-334-0883 or by email at Jamie.abordonado@alaska.gov. For more information on ESGR, please visit www.esgr.mil.

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