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### **DPS Welcomes New Deputy Commissioner**

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – The Department of Public Safety welcomes Robert Gorder as its Deputy Commissioner. Gorder was appointed July 7, 2009 following the retirement of then Deputy Commissioner John Glass.



Gorder has a long history in law enforcement. He became an Alaska State Trooper in 1978, serving in many communities and roles throughout his almost 22 years of service. After his retirement from DPS in 1999, Deputy Commissioner Gorder accepted the position of Chief of Police in Sitka. After almost four years as chief, he and his wife, Susan, retired to Arizona. At the request of Commissioner Joseph Masters, Gorder returned to Alaska in December 2008 to coordinate the start-up of the new Office of Professional Standards for the Department.

“He was a leader in training bringing on board firearms training simulators and developed instructor training programs that are still in use today. In short he sees what the needs are; researches and plans change, and moves forward to implement those plans,” said Commissioner Joseph Masters.

Upon his appointment, Deputy Commissioner Gorder stated, “I am very excited to be back working with the Department of Public Safety. Reconnecting with old and new acquaintances has been a pleasure. I look forward to providing all the support I can to the men and women who make up the backbone of this department. In my eyes, I have a very simple job description: Further the Commissioner’s goals and use my position to obtain all the resources I can to help the employees provide the best level of services they can to the citizens of this great state.”