

Command Promotions Announcement

October 2, 2026

Good afternoon,

Please join me in congratulating Lieutenant Colonel Charles J. Linek III on his upcoming retirement from the Ohio State Highway Patrol, following more than 32 years of dedicated service to the Division. Lieutenant Colonel Linek also served in the Ohio Air National Guard from 1986-1992, with a combined total of 38 years of service to the citizens of Ohio. His leadership and professionalism have left a lasting impact on the Division and the communities we serve.

Today, I am proud to announce the promotion of **Major Jacob D. Pyles to lieutenant colonel**. He will assume command of the Division's administrative functions, including the Office of Planning, Research and Development, the Office of Finance and Logistics and the Office of Personnel. His career reflects a strong foundation in our Core Values and will greatly contribute to the continued advancement of the Patrol.

I am also proud to announce that **Captain Jeffrey S. Davis will be promoted to major** and assume command of the Office of Planning, Research and Development.

These command promotions will be effective **Sunday, October 11, 2026**, and will be formally recognized at the promotions ceremony on Friday, October 30, 2026.

As superintendent, I want to express my sincere appreciation to Lieutenant Colonel Linek for his contributions to public safety throughout his career, and to Lieutenant Colonel Pyles and Major Davis for their continued dedication and commitment to Service with a Purpose.

Sincerely,
Colonel Charles A. Jones