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AG STRANGE CHOOSES SYLACAUGA POLICE CHIEF TO BE AG LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange today announced he has selected Sylacauga Police Chief Louis Zook to serve as his office's new law enforcement coordinator. Zook is a long-time law enforcement veteran who has served nearly 17 years as police chief of Sylacauga. He will begin work in the Attorney General's Office on December 1.

"I am extremely pleased that Chief Zook is coming to the Attorney General's Office to serve the citizens of Alabama," said Attorney General Strange. "Louis Zook is an exemplary public servant who has risen through the ranks of law enforcement to be a strong leader of high integrity. For more than 30 years he has devoted himself to his community and to the law enforcement profession, and we are fortunate that he will share this dedicated commitment to help this office and law enforcement officers throughout Alabama."

Zook will work with law enforcement agencies across the state to develop training programs, to notify officers of changes in criminal law, to work with a law enforcement advisory committee, and to facilitate communication and cooperation between the Attorney General's Office and law enforcement officials statewide.

"I am honored by the opportunity to work with Attorney General Luther Strange as his Law Enforcement Coordinator," said Zook. "It is a privilege to continue my professional career by serving the men and women of law enforcement and the citizens of the State of Alabama through this position. I look forward to continuing the good work of those who served before me, while making Alabama an even better place for its citizens."

Zook began his law enforcement career more than 30 years ago, starting as a deputy in the Talladega County Sheriff's Office in 1980, joining the Sylacauga Police Department as an officer in 1984, becoming a sergeant investigator in 1989, and serving as police chief for Sylacauga since 1995. His education includes more than 3000 hours of advanced law enforcement training, including the FBI National Academy, Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Certified Law Enforcement Executive and Southeastern Law Enforcement Executive programs. He is a past president of the Alabama Association of Police Chiefs and a past chairman of that Association's Ethics Committee. His honors include recognition as Outstanding Officer of the Year for 1980, 1986, and 1993, and as a Top Ten Citizen in Sylacauga in 1996. He currently serves as president of the Sylacauga Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Executive Board for the United Way of Sylacauga. Zook is a native of Birmingham.

Zook replaces Danny McKinley, who retired earlier this year from state service after nearly 10 years in the Attorney General's Office.

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