



## **AG LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR LOUIS ZOOK IS HONORED BY ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE**

(MONTGOMERY) – The Attorney General’s Law Enforcement Coordinator, Louis Zook, was honored this week by the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP) with its prestigious Chief Bill Waites Memorial Award\*. Zook was recognized at the Association’s 2013 Summer Meeting for his dedicated career of outstanding public service.

“I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Chief Zook upon this honor by his fellow law enforcement officers,” said Attorney General Strange. “I am very proud to have him in the Attorney General’s Office as part of our team to serve the people of Alabama. I join the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police in commending his excellent service to our state.”

Zook joined the Attorney General’s Office in 2011, after having served nearly 17 years as police chief of Sylacauga. He began his law enforcement career in 1980 as a deputy in the Talladega County Sheriff’s Office, then joining the Sylacauga Police Department as an officer in 1984, becoming a sergeant investigator in 1989, and then serving as police chief from 1995 to 2011.

In a letter of nomination for the award, Zook is described as “a man of integrity and conviction” and recognized as “a role model in his community and in AACOP. He is a positive and professional example to all who know him and he is a leader in both his community and in the Association.”

Zook is noted for his service to the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police as past president, president, vice president, secretary and district representative, and as a member of the Ethics, Legislative and Training Committee. In addition, he is a Certified Law Enforcement Executive and a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He has served his community as president of the Sylacauga Chamber of Commerce; as president, chairperson and board member of the United Way of Sylacauga, as well as through membership with the Arts Council, Rotary Club, American Heart Association, March of Dimes, Little League, the Sylacauga Beautification Council, and the Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement Bridges Program.

*\*Note: Chief William Clayton “Bill” Waites served as public safety director of Pleasant Grove. He died on March 7, 2009. Information is from the AACOP website at the following link: [Chief William Clayton "Bill" Waites](#). (control and click on link to open)*

