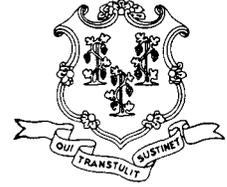




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Deputy Commissioner Vincent Derosa Retires

Commissioner Arthur Spada today announced that Deputy Commissioner Vincent Derosa of the Division of Homeland Security has submitted his retirement from the Department of Public Safety. Deputy Commissioner Derosa's retirement will take effect March 1st.

Commissioner Arthur Spada expressed regret at the retirement of his Director of Homeland Security, Vincent Derosa. Commissioner Spada stated, "Derosa served the department faithfully and honorably. He has organized the Division of Homeland Security and created task forces to maximize the safety and security of our citizens". Commissioner Spada also said "Derosa is leaving an organizational footprint which will guide future Homeland Security Directors. Some of his most significant contribution are the creation of a Statewide Security Assessment Unit; the training manual for first responders, a Statewide Terrorism Task Force, and the Urban Search and Rescue Teams."

Deputy Commissioner Derosa stated today, "On March 24,2003 I tendered my letter of retirement to be effective on June 1st, 2004. It has always been my intention to retire from the Department on June 1st, 2004.

I have recently learned that my used car business is in violation of the Department's A & O Manual. It would be counterproductive to change my used car dealer status in order to remain in conformity until June 1, 2004. Therefore, to remain in compliance and to eliminate any uncertainty, I am exercising my retirement effective March 1,2004.

I have served the Department honorably for 22 years without blemish. As the Homeland Security's first Director, I am especially proud of the organization and structure constructed for the safety and welfare of the citizens of Connecticut."

To ensure continuity, Commissioner Spada has designated Deputy Homeland Security Director Major John Buturla as the acting director.

Deputy Commissioner Derosa will transition Connecticut's Homeland Security operation to Major John Buturla.

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