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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chairs of House Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety  
Chairs of Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety  
Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety

**FROM:** B. W. Collier, Acting SBI Director 

**RE:** SBI /ALE Merger Status Update

Pursuant to Senate Bill 744, the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) and Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) has completed the merging of facilities and completed the closing of all ALE district offices with the exception of the facility located in Asheville, North Carolina. The ALE personnel from the closed offices have merged completely into SBI district offices statewide and these two agencies have begun sharing resources and equipment.

At the time of the transfer, the SBI Western District Office located in Asheville, North Carolina was in the process of finding a new facility in lieu of the expansion of the NC Crime Laboratory. In short, a planned new facility that will house both the SBI/ALE has been developed and approved. The estimated completion time for this facility will be twelve to fourteen months from the time construction begins. A bid has been secured and the current delays are mainly due to the contractor.

The SBI has relocated the North Carolina Fusion Center to the SBI Headquarters campus and combined it with the SBI Criminal Intelligence Unit. The SBI IT Personnel from Building 17 on the SBI Campus is in the process of moving to other DPS facilities to fully accommodate the Fusion Center transition.

ALE Management and Administration have completed their move to the SBI Headquarters, and are housed in the SBI Administration Building on the SBI Campus.

The SBI/ALE has begun the integration of the vehicle tracking system and merger with DPS SAP system. Logistics for this integration is being worked out with the North Carolina State Highway Patrol who will manage and oversee the SAP program for law enforcement vehicles at DPS.

The SBI Career Services Section and DPS Human Resources Section continue to establish working protocols to facilitate agency personnel matters and the implementation of standard operating procedures. This should be completed in the very near future.

The SBI Logistics, Financial Services and Information Technology sections/units are continuing to work with DPS to formalize standard operating procedures.

The SBI has transferred a position to DPS to establish a full time purchaser for the SBI/ALE.

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