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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: B. W. Collier, 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 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 at these locations.

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 SBI/ALE has been developed and approved. The estimated completion time for this facility was twelve to fourteen months. Due to delays beyond our control with the location this process had been extended. However, SBI personnel have worked with DPS and North Carolina State Property to secure a contract for a location. The location and plans have been agreed upon and construction is set to start in the near future.

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 have moved 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.

Due to CALEA accreditation standards and requirements, the SBI/ALE each have a separate vehicle and asset tracking system. The separate systems for assets is essential, necessary and required in order to be compliant.

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 and continues to evolve in an effort to become more efficient.

SBI Logistics, Financial Services and Information Technology sections/units are continuing to work with DPS to formalize operating procedures as directed by the most recent legislative action.

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