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| | ***STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE***<br>State Form 39870( R/ S- 06) | Reference Number<br>ENF-038 |
| | Subject<br>Plain Patrol Commission Assignment | |
| | Special Instructions<br>Replaces ENF-038 dated March 1, 2015 | Effective Date<br>**October 29, 2025** |

## I. PURPOSE

Establish guidelines for the assignment and administration of the Department's plain patrol commission program.

## II. POLICY

Area commanders shall be responsible for assigning and administering the use of the plain patrol commissions within their respective areas of operation.

## III. PROCEDURE

A. Plain patrol commission(s) shall be assigned at the discretion of the area commander.

B. District commanders may recommend a trooper to receive a plain patrol commission to the area commander.

C. Area commanders shall reassign plain patrol commissions when an assigned trooper is promoted, transferred, or reassigned. This does not prohibit the reassignment of the commission for any other cause the area commander may deem appropriate.

D. Issuing guide.

1. The following should be considered when assessing the assignment of plain patrol commissions:

a. Previous enforcement activities for the trooper being considered;
b. Individual troopers should not routinely be issued consecutive plain patrol commissions; however, when appropriate circumstances warrant such issuance a commander is not prohibited from doing so; and
c. Probationary Troopers should not be issued plain patrol commissions without sufficient justification.

E. This procedure is to be used in conjunction with all relevant Department regulations, rules, policies, and procedures.