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Vote ALEA for the 2024 America's Best-Looking Cruiser Contest!

MONTGOMERY – Today marks the first day of voting for the 11th Annual America's Best-Looking Cruiser Contest and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) needs your vote!

Each year, ALEA joins fellow highway patrol and state police agencies across the nation vying for the top spot in the American Association of State Troopers' (AAST) "Best-Looking Cruiser" Contest. Photos are chosen through popular vote and placed in the AAST's calendar. The Association develops a new calendar annually, with proceeds benefiting educational scholarships for members' dependents.

This year, the Agency parked its new Dodge Challenger in front of the iconic USS Alabama located in Mobile. The USS Alabama, a veritable symbol of the proud naval history of the United States, stands as a valiant tribute to Alabama's rich heritage. Moored in Mobile, this revered battleship serves as a poignant reminder of the state's significant contribution to the nation's defense and maritime legacy. Flying over the new cruiser and distinguished battleship is a Bell 407 helicopter part of the Agency's Aviation Unit.

ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said, "Each year, we look forward to participating in the National Best-Looking Cruiser Contest, it's a friendly competition between state agencies and engages citizens to support and interact with law enforcement in a positive way. We often look for locations or iconic scenes that reflect our state and this year we are proud to pay tribute to the enduring legacy of the USS Alabama and the brave men and women who served aboard this great battleship."

ALEA's Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director, Colonel Jonathan Archer agreed and said, "The 11th Annual National Best-Cruiser Contest is an exciting and engaging event, but it also serves as a reminder of the dedication and professionalism exhibited by state troopers and law enforcement agencies across the country. It is a testament to their unwavering commitment to upholding justice, protecting communities, and ensuring the safety of all citizens."

The winner will be presented with the "Best-Looking Cruiser Award" and featured on the cover of the AAST's "America's Best Looking Trooper Cruisers 2025 Wall Calendar." The calendars will be available for purchase on the <u>American Association Of State Troopers</u> website beginning October 1, 2024.

This year, the Agency plans to land the cover, and you can help by casting your vote <u>HERE</u>. Please be advised that this year's contest will be tabulated through the SurveyMonkey website, the official voting site for all states. You may also access this link on AAST's Facebook page.

Voting for America's Best-Looking Cruiser will close at 11 a.m. CDT on Monday, July 29.