

**Briefing Notes for Governor's Remarks
at promotion and "Pinning"
Ceremony for Col. George P. Wenzel
Wisconsin State Patrol
2 p.m., 1/10/91
D.O.T. Conference Room**

GOOD AFTERNOON LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

**IT'S A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE TODAY, TO RECOGNIZE AND TO
ACKNOWLEDGE THE SERVICE OF ONE OF THE LONG-SERVING MEMBERS
OF THE WISCONSIN STATE PATROL ...**

**GEORGE P. WENZEL...BY PROMOTING HIM TO THAT SERVICE'S HIGHEST
RANK ... OF COLONEL.**

**IN HIS 34 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE'S LAW ENFORCEMENT
AGENCY, COLONEL WENZEL HAS HELD EVERY RANK IN THE
ORGANIZATION, FROM TROOPER TO MAJOR.**

**HE HAS HEADED UP SOME OF THE LARGEST, AND MOST IMPORTANT
BUREAUS IN STATE SERVICE.**

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY ... IN HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE

**OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, COLONEL WENZEL HAS LEARNED WHAT
THE STATE PATROL IS ALL ABOUT.**

**HE HAS LEARNED, AS HAVE ALL OTHER DEDICATED STATE TROOPERS,
THAT THE PATROL IS MORE THAN JUST ENFORCING TRAFFIC LAWS ...**

**COLONEL WENZEL HAS LEARNED THAT THE WISCONSIN STATE PATROL
MEANS DEDICATION TO SERVING THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
WISCONSIN ... AND DEDICATION TO THE PATROL'S MISSION OF
PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE MOTORING PUBLIC.**

(slight pause)

**AS OUR STATE ENTERS THE LAST DECADE OF THIS CENTURY, I'M
LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH COLONEL WENZEL.**

**TOGETHER, IN A STRONG PARTNERSHIP, WE CAN ENSURE THAT THE
STREETS AND ROADS OUR CITIZENS AND COMMERCE TRAVEL ARE AS
SAFE AS WE CAN MAKE THEM.**

**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. AND ONCE AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS
COLONEL WENZEL.**

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(lead applause, if you think appropriate.)