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## Lieutenant Colonel Jenna G. Mitchell, Assistant Director, Highway Patrol Division



In July 2019, Jenna Mitchell was appointed to Assistant Director assigned to the Highway Patrol Division. The Highway Patrol Division provides law enforcement services throughout the state, assuring the safety and efficiency of the highway transportation system, in addition to providing support to local and county law enforcement agencies. The Highway Patrol Division also provides services and enforcement for commercial motor vehicles, tow trucks, student transportation, and safety programs.

Lt. Colonel Mitchell began her career as an officer trainee in July of 1993. As a trooper, she served as a field training officer, general instructor, phlebotomist, reserve coordinator, and she also coordinated the first Citizen Academy in District Six. During her time in District Six, she was recognized as the District Six and Southern Highway Patrol Bureau Trooper of the Year.

She promoted to sergeant in 2001, then to captain in March of 2006. As Captain, she was responsible for the Research and Planning Section, the Safety and Loss Unit, and the Public Records Section. She has also held command assignments in the Highway Patrol Metro East District, Southern Gang Enforcement District, and the Canine District. In 2011, she received the Criminal Investigations Division Commander of the Year and was recognized for her role in developing the Advanced Criminal Interdiction Training Program.

Lt. Colonel Mitchell promoted to the rank of major in May of 2015 and has served as the chief of staff for the Criminal Investigations Division, as well as the Agency Support Division. She was involved with the implementation of major technological improvements in both divisions, with a strong focus on performance management, efficiency, and employee and leadership development.

Lt. Colonel Mitchell holds a bachelor’s degree in business from Arizona State University. She is also a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command and the Leadership in Police Organizations Command program.

Lt. Colonel Mitchell currently serves on the International Association of Chiefs of Police Highway Safety Committee, as well as the Arizona Institute for Automated Mobility Leadership Advisory Board.