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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Whitman Requests State Police Superintendent's Resignation**

NJ Gov. Christie Whitman today requested and received the immediate resignation of State Police Superintendent Carl Williams. The Governor said she would expedite the search process for a successor which will include consideration of both civilian and uniform candidates.

"My administration is committed to ensuring a law enforcement system that is both effective and free of bias. We have announced a number of steps designed to enhance the ability of the State Police to enforce our laws while enhancing the public's confidence in the State Police itself," Gov. Whitman said.

"As the executive and administrative head of the Division of State Police, the Superintendent is the one person uniquely situated to carry out its law enforcement mission. I have valued Col. Williams' service and his career record is an honorable one. However, his comments today are inconsistent with our efforts to enhance public confidence in the State Police," she said.

"I have therefore asked for his immediate resignation," the Governor said.

"I have further asked the outgoing and incoming attorneys general to expedite their search process for a successor to Col. Williams, which will include a review of both civilian and uniform candidates," she said.

"I have full confidence in the men and women of the NJ State Police and this transition does not diminish my confidence in the many good officers and troopers who continue to serve the state so well," she added.

Lt. Col. Michael Fedorko will serve as acting superintendent while the search for a permanent superintendent is being conducted.