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Florida Highway Patrol
Colonel. Christopher Knight
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Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Colonel Knight:

It gives me great pleasure to writing this letter commending Trooper Alex Annunziato of Troop E-Miami District 2 for the professionalism and dedication he displayed on September 29, 2002, during a DUI crash investigation. Our units had pulled over a suspected drunk driver and were in the process of performing roadside examinations when a second drunk driver struck the rear of one of our police cruisers at approximately 60 mph. The crash catapulted the squad car over 25 feet missing the officers on the side of the highway by inches. The driver of the vehicle that struck the police cruiser was in serious condition bleeding profusely from his injuries. Trooper Annunziato without being dispatched, responded to the scene and immediately began to assist the injured driver. Trooper Annunziato took the initiative to facilitate the flow of traffic, set up flares, and began to write the report for his Sergeant who was enroute to conduct the investigation. Trooper Annunziato interviewed witnesses and victims, measured crash distances, and assisted our units, the City of Miami Police and Fire Rescue from two municipalities.

Trooper Annunziato is a model law enforcement officer and displayed a tremendous work ethic assisting everyone from the injured parties to his Sergeant. Trooper Annunziato should be commended for his enthusiasm, professional commitment and dedication.

Sincerely,

Donald W. De Lucca
Chief of Police

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c: Major David McCarter, Jr.
Trooper Annunziato