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## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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and

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Major David L. McCarter  
Troop E Commander  
Florida Highway Patrol  
Miami, FL 33172

Dear Major McCarter:

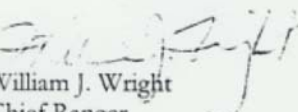
On Tuesday, October 29, 2002, Troopers Carlos E. Gascon and Gifford C. Ramsey presented a training class on defensive tactics, to law enforcement rangers from Everglades National Park and six other National Park Service areas. This training was part of a week-long, in-service that is required by National Park Service policy.

On behalf of the rangers, I would like to extend our utmost appreciation to Troopers Gascon and Ramsey. The professionalism, knowledge and enthusiasm displayed by these individuals provided a tremendous training opportunity for our park rangers. This is especially noteworthy because they were given only two days notice, due to a last-minute cancellation in our schedule.

We would also like to recognize Trooper Luis Tejarra. Trooper Tejarra went out of his way to accommodate us on such short notice. Without hesitation, he was willing to help out in whatever way he could. This law enforcement camaraderie represents the ultimate in professionalism and reflects the quality of your troop and agency.

We appreciate the support that the Florida Highway Patrol has extended to Everglades National Park in providing this quality training to enhance our law enforcement program. We look forward to the opportunity to return the favor.

Sincerely,

  
William J. Wright  
Chief Ranger