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Jorge and Barbara Rodriguez

Ref: Letter of Appreciation

Dear Colonel Christopher Knight,

On behalf of my family, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for the way your department has extended a helping hand in our time of need. My husband, Trooper Jorge L. Rodriguez, and I lost our home to a fire on September 12<sup>th</sup>, and thanks to our close family were not left completely homeless. I, as he, are extremely proud to be associated with the Florida Highway Patrol Family, it really was touching that many, including yourself called him and extended a helping hand.

It is at this time of need that it's a pleasure to know many do care for you. Please extend our deepest thanks to all of those in his chain of command who took the time from their busy schedule to call and offer their support.

I would also like to commend at this time, Sgt. Kenneth Deas, who went out of his way to support my husband during that day. Sergeant Deas was at our side while the firemen extinguished the fire, was there to console our two small children, as well as myself, and has called us everyday to make sure we are doing ok and if we need anything. We will never forget his presence in our time of need.

Once again, thanks to all for your support.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Rodriguez*  
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