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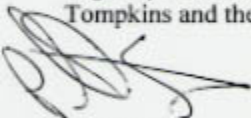
FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL
Florida Highway Patrol Academy
2908 Ridgeway Street
Tallahassee, Fla. 32310
ATTENTION: Sgt. Ron Tompkins

Dear Sir,

My name is Patrick Smith, I am a deputy sheriff with the Wakulla County Sheriff's office. I was recently afforded the opportunity to attend an inter-departmental training course at the Florida Highway Patrol Academy in Tallahassee, Florida. This course was for "Basic police Radar Certification". Scheduled for attendance from March 31st. to April 03 of 2003. I was allowed to "sit in" with the One Hundred Third Florida Highway Patrol basic recruit class. Under the guidance and instruction of Florida Highway Patrol Sergeant Ron Tompkins. As a law enforcement officer with 13 years of experience, I have attended a multitude of seminars and in-service training classes. NEVER BEFORE have I encountered such a MOTIVATED and DEDICATED group of individuals as the 103rd.. This fine group of men and women are perhaps, the most professional and well trained law enforcement officers, that I have encountered; being introduced into the difficult and unappreciated field of endeavor..... called law enforcement.

I understand that the 103rd. recruit class; did not achieve this level of professionalism without supervision. I once read that, "A good supervisor is not judged, by how well he makes himself look: But rather, How well, he makes his people look". With that being the case,.....Sergeant Tompkins, is without exemption a most DISTINGUISHED supervisor. His DEMEANOR, KNOWLEDGE and EXPERIENCE are evident in his professionalism.

This is the first course, I have ever walked away from, feeling confident and secure with regard to the realm and comprehension of instruction. PLEASE, consider future classes that encourage inter-departmental relations on such a positive and professional level. Please accept my gratitude for this "sharring" of knowledge and experience. I am humbly grateful. I would like to personally thank, the Florida Highway Patrol and the staff of the Florida Highway Patrol Academy. With special thanks to: Sgt. Ron Tompkins and the 103rd.



Sincerely,
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