

January 28, 2003

Major Cyrus Brown
Commander - Troop D - Orlando
Florida Highway Patrol
133 S. Semoran Blvd
Orlando, FL 32807

Reference: 2003 Zora Festival

Dear Major Brown,

I am writing you on behalf of The Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community Inc., the nonprofit historic-preservation organization behind the annual Zora Festival.

The Zora Festival estimates that well over 100,000 people attended the festival this past weekend, compared with the 10,000 visitors who attended the year it started in 1990. The festival wouldn't have achieved such success without the determination and cooperation of the larger Central Florida community, business, government agencies and not-for-profit groups that contributed to the effort.

I was tasked, as I have in previous years, with helping out on transportation, traffic and parking issues for the festival. Once again we put more of an importance on remote parking sites outside of Eatonville with bus shuttle service into the festival. Along with that we were concerned about the traffic coming in on Interstate 4 both east and west bound at Lee Road. I contacted Lieutenant Eddie Herrell and requested his assistance and advise on keeping traffic flowing at this intersection. I had a chance to visit the intersection on a number of occasions over the three-day period and even with the large increase in traffic flow, Lt. Herrell and the FHP Auxiliary kept the flow running smoothly. He was very accommodating, and as a result there were no complains about backed up traffic in that area.

Please express our thanks to Lt. Herrell for a job well done and I hope that you can include this letter in his personal file.

Sincerely,



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Cc: N.Y. Nathiri, Executive Director, P.E.C.
Chief Dave Thomas, Eatonville, PD
Lt. Eddie T. Herrell, FHP

