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Dear Col. Knight,

You may receive letters like this from time to time, however, I am sure that you receive mostly those with negative comments. I would like to give you one with a very positive note.

Yesterday evening my wife was on her way home from MacDill AFB headed north on the Suncoast Parkway. Just south of the first tollbooth in Pasco County, when the right rear tire failed. She pulled off the road and as she was examining the destroyed tire she noted a FHP cruiser pass her going north. As she was calling AAA she noticed the FHP cruiser had turned around and headed back in her direction. By the time she got off the telephone the FHP was stopped behind her vehicle. Her immediate thought was what have I done? Instead Corporal J. L. Johnson, Troop C – Tampa District, who was interested only in her problem, presently greeted her.

She explained that the right rear tire had gone flat and that she had contacted AAA to come and change the tire. Without hesitation Corporal Johnson indicated that he could probably help her and get her off the road much quicker than AAA. With that he quickly retrieved a kit from his patrol car and immediately proceeded to install the spare tire. To my wife, it seemed like no time and the tire had been changed and she was on her way. Corporal Johnson was extremely polite and efficient, indicating that his doing this was indeed a pleasure. My wife was absolutely amazed not having seen this type of conduct before from a complete stranger.

My wife and I are aware that this is not normally what a member of the FHP does or is supposed to do. As the husband, I would like to personally thank Corporal Johnson for his kindness and the effort that he put out to insure that my wife would return home safely. I would ask that you officially acknowledge the exemplarily performance of Corporal Johnson's to Troop C and all members of the Florida Highway Patrol.

Thank You,


Thomas & Shirley Dunn