

October 18, 2004

Dear Colonel Knight,

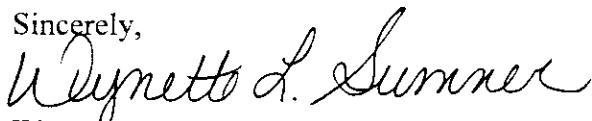
I wanted to take a moment and compliment one of your Lieutenant's on a job Well-Done. I recently met **Lt. Mike Burroughs** while he was demonstrating the 'Rollover Simulator' at Wal-Mart during Safety-Week here in Live Oak, Florida. I shared my concern for children not wearing their seat belts and ask him if he could bring the simulator to my school for a demonstration to 4 Fourth Grade Classes. He quickly agreed and the date was set for fives days later.

He arrived to find 80 (plus) fourth graders all eager to listen to what he had to say. I have to say, I was truly amazed at how, from the moment he said 'hello' to the time he said 'good-bye' he had the undivided attention of all of the students. He not only gave some history of wearing seat belts, he told the students several stories that helped them to relate to the information. He discussed how the students could get mom and dad to wear their seat belts. One of the stories was about a pet watermelon, and it was hilarious! He had all of the students, and teachers, laughing and enjoying the presentation. The janitors even came out of the building to watch what was going on. It was easy to see that he was not just 'putting on a show' he really cared about the safety of these children. Lt. Mike Burroughs is truly an asset to the Highway Patrol and to the Seatbelt Safety Campaign.

I have been teaching and involved with children for over 10 years. My philosophy with teaching is that children learn better by '**seeing and doing**.' This simulator is the greatest asset I have ever seen to 'show' children that they need to wear their seatbelts. The vision of the 'dummies' being thrown out of the simulator and hitting the pavement will be with those children for a long, long time.

In closing, I would like to add that I have been married to a trooper (THI. Cpl. J. Phillip Sumner) for over 15 years and I have seen and heard some of the saddest stories involving wrecks and children that you ever want to hear. We have to do all that we can to get the message out. These demonstrations, and programs, are needed to help save the lives of our young people--- Please, keep them going.

Sincerely,



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