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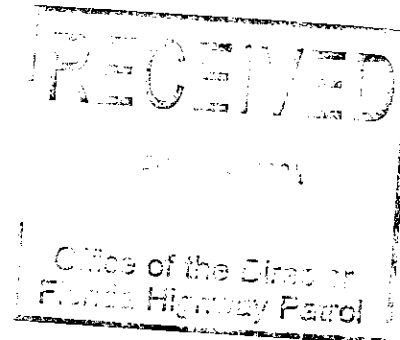
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December 14, 2004

Colonel Christopher A. Knight
Director Florida Highway Patrol
2900 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0500

Subject: Support During Hurricane Ivan Cleanup



Dear Col. Knight:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the assistance the Florida Highway Patrol provided our FDOT forces in restoring the transportation system after Hurricane Ivan, most especially the efforts of Lt. Derrick Charleston and Trooper Alina Pinto. I had the opportunity to work closely with two individuals and their professionalism and dedication is something the Florida Highway Patrol should be proud of. I've managed Department of Transportation work forces after several hurricanes, but in many ways this one was the hardest. The widespread damage, loss of east/west routes and extensive loss of power and communications made this one of the hardest to coordinate. If it were not for the dedication and support of employees like yours, the very quick restoration of our roadway and bridge system would not have been possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan T. Bush".

Alan T Bush, P.E.

District Roadway Operations Engineer