



Mission
to prevent and cure diabetes
and to improve the lives of all
people affected by diabetes.

April 9, 2004

VIA FACSIMILE: 850-922-0148

Col. Christopher A. Knight, Director
Florida Highway Patrol
2900 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

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Dear Col. Knight:

Last week we wrote to you with urgency concerning your agency's support of a motorcycle event held last weekend. It is a pleasure to write this follow-up letter of thanks, and commending those who provided us with the needed help in a very short period of time.

Capt. Bob Duncan in the DeLand office of Troop D certainly came to our aid. He was familiar with our event from past years, which knowledge helped him in determining the type of support that might be provided with the limited resources available. After receiving the go ahead from Major Brown, Capt. Duncan and Lt. Kevin Vaughn put together a team from FHP, Daytona Beach Police Dept., and the Orange County Sheriff's office. Collectively they got our group of 644 participants on 454 motorcycles safely from Daytona Beach, down Interstate 4, and to our destination in Orlando in a very professional manner. Kudos to them and everyone involved in putting this collective support together in just two-days.

Our purpose for the event is to raise money for diabetes research at the University of Florida. Your agency's support helped us get just a little closer in finding the cure. Dr. Bernie Machen, UF's new president was at the front of our ride and was very impressed by the professional manner our ride was escorted. Even more so when he learned of the circumstances. He too wanted to write a letter, and I will pass your address along to him.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Dave Richmond'.

Dave Richmond
Event Chair