

HARDEE COUNTY SHERIFF

J. LORAN COGBURN

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Colonel Christopher Knight, Director
Florida Highway Patrol
Neil Kirkman Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32399


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Director
Florida Highway Patrol

Dear Colonel Knight,

On Friday, August 13th around 2:00 p. m., I was sitting in my office watching the progress of Hurricane Charley as it changed course and started to move inland towards Hardee County. I realized then and there that we were going to experience something of a magnitude that we had never seen before in our community. After the storm passed and we began to evaluate the damage and destruction, it was apparent we could not handle these problems alone. That's when I called for help from our law enforcement family and you responded.

On behalf of the citizens of Hardee County, my staff and I cannot express enough the gratitude and heartfelt thanks we feel for the assistance you and your personnel provided during our time of need. I commend your personnel for the hard work and professionalism they demonstrated during their tour of duty in Hardee County. You can certainly be proud of the staff you provided for us in the aftermath of this terrible storm. There is no way we could have provided the many services required after this type disaster without your help and we will always be grateful.

Thank You Again and God Bless,


J. Loran Cogburn, Sheriff
Hardee County, Florida

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