

*Karl E. Daniel*

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*Colonel Christopher A. Knight  
State of Florida, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
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*Dear Colonel Knight:*

*After attending the memorial service for Trooper Darryl Haywood, I felt compelled to write and express my appreciation to the Florida Highway Patrol.*

*I was Darryl's immediate supervisor while he was assigned to the New York City Police Commissioner's Office, Security Detail. He was an outstanding individual both professionally and personally, a credit to the detective shield he so deservedly earned.*

*In my 23 years with the New York City Police Department, I have unfortunately attended many department funerals for officers who died in the line of duty. None, however, compared to the memorial service that I had the honor of participating in at the Oceans Center in Daytona Beach.*

*From my first contact with the Trooper assigned to the Haywoods to the numerous colleagues and supervisors I met, the special "family" of the Florida Highway Patrol was evident everywhere. Darryl was a special person who could have laid back and enjoyed retirement but he chose to pursue a second career with his first "love", highway patrol. I can now understand why he chose the Florida Highway Patrol. His former co-workers, who traveled from New York, as well as myself, were brought into your "family" for two days. We greatly appreciate the many courtesies extended to us and the outstanding tribute to Darryl we were allowed to be a part of.*

*I would like to give special thanks to Lieutenant Vaughn and Trooper Jay Crosby of Troop D for their assistance during our stay. They are a tribute to your department.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl C. Daniel', written in a cursive style.

Lieutenant ( Retired )  
New York City Police Commissioner's Office