


October 1, 2004

To: Col. Christopher A. Knight

From: Tpr. Michael J. Tucker 

Reference: Service above and beyond call of duty

This letter is to inform you of the sincere and professional work that was far more than I could have ever dreamed possible. The troopers that were sent here to the Pensacola district to assist us, the local troopers were a great welcome. In particular a special group of troopers. I as well as many, many of us want you to know how special and meaningful they are to us.

These troopers went well above any and all expectations I could have imagined in helping myself, my family and fellow troopers and their families. We can truly say with pride that the Florida Highway Patrol takes care of their people. This help in time of need has put my trust and most of all my pride back in the patrol.

Trooper Jimmy Davis appeared to be the point man in the group and he as well as the others showed professionalism and a true concern for each and everyone of us in need. To me and my family these guys were a God send. I was then and presently working the Bravo shift(6 pm - 6 am). These troopers came in removed the trees that had fallen on houses and fences and throughout the yards. They secured the homes from any further damage that we had already received by the hurricane.

The most emotional thing to me and my family was the sincerity and compassion that they all showed to us. I can't thank you enough for having the insight to send us these guys to help us in ways that I can never repay. I now more than ever can show my pride in the patrol because I have been on the receiving end of generosity far above what I deserve.. In all the hours I have worked on the Hurricane Ivan detail, I could not come close to the exemplary work those fellow troopers did for me and my family.

Col. Knight, I thank you for allowing these special troopers to come into mine and my families life. Please take notice of the wonderful job these troopers performed and the professionalism and compassion they represented for the Florida Highway Patrol. They truly went beyond the call of duty. God bless you, the Patrol and especially the troopers who helped.

Due to the different troops they represented I am going to attach another page listing the names of the troopers.

This is the list of Troopers who were responsible for assisting us in the Pensacola district:

Troop C Troopers

Emmett G. Perdue Id. # 425
Jimmie D. Davis Id.# 922
Jason C. Lemery Id.# 1029
Hazen E. Ogden Id. # 1473
Thomas Derek Wood Id. # 1480

Assignment:

Brooksville
Pasco Co.
Pasco Co.
Brooksville
Brooksville

Troop F Troopers

Michael Grider Id. # 1022
Joseph M. Gideons Id. # 1108
Mike Merritt Id. # 1191
Jason R. Eason Id. # 1241

Assignment:

Ft. Myers
Ft. Myers
Ft. Myers
Bradenton