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Colonel Christopher A. Knight
Director
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Dear Colonel Knight:

I would like to extend my appreciation for the outstanding performance of duty displayed by Corporal Scott Bond during an investigation into the traffic related death of Dean K. Ruland on March 5, 2006. The incident occurred at the intersection of U.S. Route 1 and Old Dixie Highway in Flagler County, Florida. Dean K. Ruland is the father of Kenneth A. Ruland, an Investigator with the New York State Police - Community Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET).

Investigator Ruland has advised me that during the investigation into his father's accident, Corporal Bond acted in a professional and courteous manner and went above and beyond to ensure that a "fellow Trooper" was tended to during a tragic time.

Corporal Bond supplied Investigator Ruland with his personal cellular telephone number to ensure that Investigator Ruland had a local resource in Florida, for any questions or needs he may have had. He also took the time to ensure that Investigator Ruland was aware of all phases of the investigation, as well as informing him of Florida law and procedures pertaining to traffic fatalities, roadway design and traffic controls. Investigator Ruland advises that Corporal Bond has remained attentive to his needs throughout the investigation and continues to stay in contact.

On behalf of all of the men and women of the New York State Police, please extend our gratitude to Corporal Bond. Due to his compassion and professionalism, Corporal Bond made it easier for Investigator Ruland to deal with what was surely a heart wrenching experience.

I wish you and the members of your department continued success and safety. As always, I look forward to speaking with you and meeting with you personally on matters of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne E. Bennett".

Wayne E. Bennett
Superintendent