



# *City of North Port*

## **North Port Fire Rescue District**

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Colonel Christopher A. Knight  
Director  
Florida Highway Patrol  
Neil Kirkman Building  
2900 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: June 21 & 22

Dear Colonel Knight:

I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Florida Highway Patrol Troopers, Florida Department of Transportation employees, and Highway Patrol Road who assisted the North Port Fire Rescue District during the wildfires that bounded several miles of Interstate 75 from MM 178 south on June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Because of their presence, firefighters and emergency personnel fighting the fires were protected from injury and harm along the interstate.

Please convey our sincere thanks to all those involved.

Sincerely,

William J. Taaffe  
Fire Chief

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