

Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary
Troop G
Jacksonville

To: Tpr. Jerry Gentry, FHPA
Subject: Commendation Letter
Date: April 30, 2008

Trooper Gentry

Lt. Kevin Blom received a call from Ms. June Meinstein on April 30, 2008 at approximately 4:30 p.m. commending FHPA Trooper Gentry for his professionalism and assistance that he rendered in her time of need. Ms. Meinstein stated that she had experienced tire failure on I-295 around St. Augustine Road and Auxiliary Tpr. Gentry stopped, while off duty, identified himself and assisted Ms. Meinstein so she could get back on her way. He not only removed her from the roadway, but changed her tire, and then assisted her in getting a new tire in place of the "donut" spare.

She could not say enough good things about the Florida Highway Patrol and the men and women that serve this agency. I explained to Ms. Meinstein that this individual is an Auxiliary Trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol and they donate their time to assist us whenever possible.

Ms. Meinstein wanted me to relay this to Major Carrick and the officer's immediate supervisor. Ms. Meinstein also wanted to be sure that FHPA Gentry knew that she had called on his "heroic" efforts and kindness.

Tpr. Jerry Gentry is commended on this great act of kindness and service to the visitors of this state. Tpr. Gentry could have just drove past but instead showed outstanding character by stopping, being off duty, to assist a person in need. It is officers like Tpr Gentry that make the Florida Highway Patrol the unique organization that it is.

Thank You

Captain Rick Dean
Jacksonville District Captain
Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary

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