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Re: Letter of Appreciation - Ernie Lane

Ms. Borgesi,

On Thursday, July 20th, 2023 and Friday, July 21st, 2023, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit conducted a traffic enforcement initiative on several county roads which typically have a high volume of speeding violations as well as traffic crashes. This particular enforcement was to place a simulated work crew comprised of law enforcement officers along the shoulder of the roadway while utilizing a speed measurement device to obtain speed readings for approaching vehicles. Once a violator was identified, a deputy staging down the road would conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle as it passed their location. Doing this kept law enforcement out of sight; therefore, not alerting the drivers to slow down just because law enforcement was present. This was performed during "Operation Southern Slowdown" which was a week-long speed enforcement awareness campaign to target speeding violations on state and local roadways with the goal of reducing fatalities and serious bodily injury crashes.

As you know, I contacted Traffic Engineering Assistant Ernie Lane during our RSA training on Wednesday, July 19th and asked him if I could borrow a work zone warning sign for this 2 day initiative. Ernie did not hesitate and immediately offered his assistance with providing me with one of the large folding signs that is commonly used for temporary work zones. It was at that time we spoke about him being able to come out and assist us with this event. This was not planned and completely unexpected.

I am writing you this letter to thank you for allowing Ernie to assist us during this event and to also formally recognize him for a job well done. I really appreciate his hard work and dedication during this initiative. We had great results due to the team effort between the Department of Public Works (Ernie) and the members of the HCSO Traffic Unit. When I was transferred into this position several months ago, I was told that Ernie would be a "life line" for me and I cannot agree with that more. I have contacted him on numerous occasions regarding roadway issues and sharing traffic data. He has always been prompt, professional, and courteous. I believe Ernie is an asset to your department and look forward to working with him more in the future.


Sergeant Jeff Andrews
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