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Sheriff Michael S. Carona  
Orange County Sheriff  
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Dear Sheriff Carona

I would like to thank you for allowing Sergeant Jim Wagner to come to Peterson AFB and give us instruction in Aircraft Interdiction on both military and civilian aircraft. As you well know the mission of the entire US has changed and now we must be ready for any situation that could possibly come up and Sergeant Wagner has surely done that. Even though he knew nothing of the aircraft his tried and true tactics and theories proved invaluable to us as a response team. We have trained on these aircraft several times and we learned better ways of accomplishing our mission through Sgt. Wagner's training and now I am confident that if we had to board an aircraft tomorrow we would definitely save lives. These times undoubtedly separate the average instructors from the elite group. With the care in providing our officers the best in tactics and instruction, Sgt. Jim Wagner is definitely a member of that elite group. His knowledge and wisdom will keep our unit, members, and officers focused toward successfully achieving all goals during peacetime and war.

Not only did Sgt. Wagner provide us with invaluable training in aircraft interdiction but he also showed us defensive tactics if we are ever attacked with edged weapons. This additional training proved to be a true eye opener to us as normal patrol officers on the streets of Peterson AFB and as EST members. Due to this we are now including these tactics in our yearly training plan in order to better protect our officers on the streets. Sgt, Wagner is a true Officer's trainer and truly dedicated to protecting officers in high-risk situations.

Again I would like to thank you for allowing Sgt. Jim Wagner the opportunity to train our team in all these tactics. I hope that in the future we are able to continue to work together either in training or on the streets. Thank you for your outstanding contributions in keeping the officers of Peterson AFB trained in protecting the lives.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew A. Lillis".

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