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Pat Abrams
Sarasota K-9 Search & Rescue
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Dear Pat:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank three members of the Sarasota K-9 Search and Rescue Team for their. On Friday August 29, 2003 Tami Treadway, Denise Conrad, and Terri Golden spent several hours of their day training with the Sheriff's office Emergency Response Team. The ERT conducted a land navigation and grid search training session. The training included finding three "lost" hikers that had been missing on the Carlton Reserve.

Tami, Denise, and Terri all waded through a swamp and waited patiently for the search teams to find them. Despite all the mosquitoes, snakes and alligators your team members persevered so that my team could train. I gratefully appreciate their assistance and know the citizens of Sarasota County will benefit from this training.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alden Doane".

Sergeant Alden Doane
Emergency Response Team Commander



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