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August 22, 2013

Ms. Patricia Abrams  
Sarasota K-9 Search and Rescue  
Sarasota County Emergency Services  
1660 Ringling Blvd. 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Dear Ms. Abrams,

I congratulate the Sarasota K-9 Search and Rescue Team for being awarded the 16<sup>th</sup> District Congressional Fire and Rescue/EMS Associate Service Award.

The Sarasota K-9 Search and Rescue Team's accomplishments have brought honor to the Sarasota County Emergency Services, which nominated them for this award. As a result of the K-9 Search and Rescue's outstanding performance, their influence has spread countywide and across the state. Their achievements were recognized by current and former members of the Fire and Rescue/EMS community when they selected the team for this award.

I hope to see you and the rest of the team at the awards ceremony, which will be held at **10:00 am on October 5, 2013 in the Lobby of the Old Federal Building located at 111 South Orange Avenue, Sarasota Florida, 34236**. Please rsvp by calling Gary Tibbetts in my Bradenton office at 941-747-9081.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vern Buchanan".

Vern Buchanan  
Member of Congress

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