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LETTER OF APPRECIATION

March 2, 2009

Commissioner Faye Andrews
Albany Department of Youth
175 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12206

Dear Commissioner Andrews:

I am writing in support of the invaluable training Mr. Ron (Cook) Barrett provides to Members of the New York State Police. As the Albany City Gang Prevention Specialist, Mr. Barrett provides training at all levels to our Members from Basic School Recruits to seasoned Investigators. His dynamic style of presentation engages the student and provides an education into the gang culture that is unsurpassed. As an instructor who actually works with the youths of the community who are involved in gang affiliation, his presentations are always unique and contemporary, thus reflecting the current climate of the urban and suburban problems associated with criminal youth gangs.

Mr. Barrett has provided this training unselfishly to our Members over the years, and I am certain the information he has provided has contributed to the efficiency and safety of our Members in the performance of their duties.

I continue to look forward to the professional relationship the New York State Police Academy enjoys with the expertise of Mr. Barrett in educating our membership on the youth gang culture.

Sincerely,

Captain Joseph W. Dodd
Assistant Director of Training