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The North Florida Bicycle Club *thanks you!*For your volunteer service that made ESWR 2016 awesome.

September 20, 2016

Chief Matthew A. Graves Nassau County Fire and Rescue 96160 Nassau Place Yulee, FL 32097

## Dear Chief Graves:

Please let us take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for your contribution to **ESWR 2016**. Seven hundred-seventy riders participated in it. By many accounts, this was the best ESWR ever and we could not have done it without your help.

Your hook and ladder team provided the American flag, proudly flown from two ladder trucks over the beginning of our ride. The pride and professionalism that your team displayed in presenting the American flag for us was obvious.

This was a very fitting backdrop for the 9/11 remembrance ceremony which we held before the ride. I'm sure that it evoked scorn and outrage for the cowards that perpetrated the 9/11 attack, sympathy for the innocent American victims, and pride for the first responders that serve our country so well.

And of course, nobody could miss the view of our American flag during the playing of our National Anthem.

Please thank your team for the beautiful display that they provided us, and for the service that you and they provide to people in distress every day.

Team ESWR 2016 rocks! And you were part of it. Thank you.

With deep appreciation and warmest regards,

The North Florida Bicycle Club

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