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Mike Willis  
United States Deputy Sheriff's Association  
2909 S. Spruce  
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Dear Mr. Willis,

I would like to personally thank you for the recent donation of the Simunition training masks and throat protectors that we received from the United State Deputy Sheriff's Association. Due to budget constraints there is no funding for this type of equipment, even though it is essential for safety during force on force type training we conduct. Organizations such as yours provide a great service to law enforcement and help ensure deputies safety during realistic training scenarios.

It is hard to express in words the gratitude I have for the United States Deputy Sheriff's Association and the great work you all are doing. If I can ever be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R D Oakes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

R. D. Oakes,  
Sheriff