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Mr. Willis,

Today I received a box of loot from your organization. I freely admit that I was afraid it would be full of boring promotional materials. I must also admit that I had a few spots of moisture under my eyelids when I saw your letter, the cards, the combat gauze and the blue-line flag cuff keys.

I have one of the keys on my belt right now, with a gauze pack in my shirt pocket. Let me tell you, please, where the rest of the swag is headed.

I've been trying to find a way to express thanks to my brothers and sisters behind the badge who raced to my aid last week. I was in a public place, facing an armed man, surrounded by onlookers who were ignoring my polite but firm requests to leave the area.

It doesn't take much imagination to relate to how I felt as others arrived to support and defend me. No one needed worse than intermediate force that day, thank God. I now have a box of nice cuff keys and portable gauze packs with sticky note labels. Each one has the name of someone responding to that scene.

I look very much forward to passing on your thoughtful and generous gift. I hope it brightens a few days the way you did mine. Thanks so much for what you're doing at a crucial state in the evolution of the bond between LE and the public. You have my deep appreciation and gratitude.

With respect,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Haugen".

Sheriff Matt Haugen