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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 training mats, training pads, and training batons that we received from the United States Deputy Sheriff's Association. Due to budget constraints we have there is no funding for this type of equipment, even though it is essential to safely train deputies in the fundamentals they need. Organizations such as yours provide a great service to law enforcement and help to ensure deputies safety through training.

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 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.

R.D. Oakes,  
Sheriff