

City of **BeLand**

BeLand Police Bepartment

JASON D. UMBERGER CHIEF OF POLICE

March 19, 2018

Dr. Caesar DePaço,

On behalf of the DeLand Police Department I would like to thank you for your continuous support for our Canine Unit and the City of DeLand. With your generous donation of canines Lancelot and Ruso you have allowed us to fill vacant positions that have been unfilled for several years.

You have also purchased a K9 Storm ballistic vest for Daro and offered to purchase the same ballistic vest for Ruso once he successfully completes his training. With Daro and Ruso having these ballistic vest, it will allow them to be protected when responding to potential life threating situations while protecting Corporal Cody and Officer Mulero.

During a meeting with you on February 21, 2018 you continued the blessings and offered to purchase an additional canine for our department. Our current staffing level does not allow us to accept this offer at this time, but we will hopefully be able to accept your offer at some point in the future depending on our staffing levels. Currently our sworn compliment is understaffed and we are aggressively attempting to hire folks to fill already unfilled vacancies and future vacancies that we know will be occurring this year.

Your continued support for law enforcement across the United Stated and especially the DeLand Police Department is very much appreciated.

Respectfully,

Chief Jason D. Umberger