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**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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CHIEF OF POLICE  
ROGER CHANDLER

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Chief Dave Snowden  
Costa Mesa Police Department  
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Dear Sir:

May I take this time to introduce myself to you. I am Lieutenant Piernas with The Los Angeles City Housing Authority Police Department. One of my assignments is Team Leader for our Special Response Team.

As the team leader, I am constantly searching for better training for my officers so they will be better prepared to handle any situation encountered in the field.

It was in this capacity in which I was introduced to one of your officers. Officer Jim Wagner was contacted by one of my officers in reference to providing realistic training for the SRT. Officer Wagner designed several scenarios and provided several people to act as agitators during the training.

This training proved to be very educational and beneficial to the SRT officers. Officer Wagner is an outstanding police officer and trainer. His knowledge and ability to perform as a tactical officer is a credit to his department. It is a privilege to the SRT officers and myself that we can count Officer Wagner as brother in law enforcement.

I would like to thank Officer Wagner for his time, energy, and professional attitude.

Very truly yours,

WILLIE THOMPSON JR.  
Acting Chief of Police

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SRT Team Leader