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Paul Boudreau, President  
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Dear Mr. Boudreau:

As Colonel of the Massachusetts State Police, and on behalf of the men and women of the Department, I would like to thank you, Neal Miller, Tom Leone, Owen Carrigan and Barry Oakley, personally and professionally, for providing water and rehab stations at the wake and funeral services of Sergeant Douglas Weddleton. The outpouring of resources, materials and volunteers to assist us and the Weddleton family was inspiring. Through the hard work and total cooperation of so many people and agencies, the Weddleton family witnessed a tribute unparalleled by anything they had seen before or expected, and fitting for a man who laid down his life in the service of others.

We were very appreciative of the support shown to our Department on such a sad occasion. It was a comfort to know that your Association was with us on such a sad day.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Colonel Marian J. McGovern  
Superintendent

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