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1402 Crystal Court
Tavares, FL 32778
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**Bradley Arnold, Administrator
Sumter County
7375 Powell Road
Wildwood, FL 34785**

Dear Mr. Arnold:

Permit me to introduce myself. My name is Mike Ryan and I am a retired Physics and Astronomy teacher having had a 42 year career in Florida schools. In the last 16 years of my retirement I have developed a hobby of painting family coat of arms and government logos for police and fire departments in my neck of the woods. I paint these on wooden boards suitable for hanging.

A while back, my daughter issued me a challenge - to create a logo for each of the sheriff departments in the 67 counties in Florida. I recently completed that task and have now completed painting the logo's of all county fire departments. I paint each of these depending on their alphabetical listing. The detail on the design requires me to use as a "brush" sharpened Chinese chopsticks. It takes me four days to complete each design before I can send them in the mail.

I sincerely respect the responsibility you and all of the people serving your county have to simultaneously accomplish three things: (1) preserving history of your area, (2) maintaining services to make your county a wonderful place to work and live, and (3) preparing for the future.

I deeply respect your county commissioners who study issues coming before them and respect the oath each of them vowed to maintain, namely to only discuss items with other commissioners at advertised and open meetings.

I am proud to submit to you, the painted logo for your county.

Respectfully submitted.

Michael F. Ryan