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CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AWARD FOR SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE

WHO: Clearwater Police Department
Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)

WHAT: Above and Beyond Award

WHEN: August 20, 2009
6:00 p.m.

WHERE: City Hall Council Chambers
112 S. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: The Florida Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), an agency of the Department of Defense, will be presenting the Clearwater Police Department and the City of Clearwater the "Above and Beyond Award." The award recognizes employers at the state and local level who have gone above and beyond the legal requirements for granting leave and providing support for military duty by their employees.

Police Chief Sid Klein and the Clearwater Police Department are committed to supporting the men and women who serve the National Guard and Reserves. "These men and women are on the front lines and we value the sacrifices they make to serve and protect our community and our country," said Klein.

Officer Barry Balmer, who returned last month from a nine-month tour of duty in Afghanistan, nominated the Clearwater Police Department for the award. "Chief Klein and the rest of my CPD family have gone above and beyond anyone's expectations and have been the epitome of a supportive employer," wrote Officer Balmer in his nomination letter.

*The presentation will take place at the beginning of the City Council meeting and will be steamed live on www.myclearwater.com.

