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Dear Sirs,

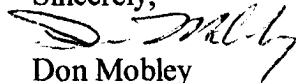
I would like to support your selection of Tim Wirf for NAEVT Technician of the Year. The Grayslake Fire Department has been associated with Mr. Wirf for a number of years. During that time he has serviced our entire fleet of fire equipment.

When we initially started dealing with Mr. Wirf, we had a very old fleet of emergency vehicles. Because of his abilities, we were able to maintain this fleet while we were accumulating funds to replace apparatus. When we were specifying new engines, Mr. Wirf's input was very beneficial. As you know many apparatus committees can be swayed by chrome and gadgets. Mr. Wirf offered ideas that provided practical advantages for our long term needs. He has designed and installed slide trays and mounting brackets for our rescue tool in our newest engine that provides rapid deployment, effective use of compartment space, and protection for the equipment and the engine compartments. This is an example how Mr. Wirf has allowed us to be a more effective fire department.

We have developed a comprehensive maintenance program with Mr. Wirf. Each of our vehicles receives a complete annual service. Because of the thoroughness of this program, we have identified service needs long before they become costly repairs, or more importantly, before they cause a loss of service during an emergency operation. This program has saved our department money and instilled a confidence in our members that the equipment is getting the best service possible. When we take our equipment to Wirf's Industries, we can be sure it will be serviced by technicians that understand fire apparatus. We can also be sure we will have our vehicle back in a timely manner. One of the things we look to in a service center is will the vehicle be back at the promised time. We have never been disappointed in our turn around times from Mr. Wirf.

Again, I can not think of a more worthy recipient of you award than Tim Wirf. I think that he and his staff embody the qualities you are looking for. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Don Mobley
Fire Chief