



LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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1997 NAEVT Awards Program Committee
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To Whom It May Concern:

I want to nominate Tim Wirfs, of Wirfs Industries, 4021 W. Main Street McHenry, Ill 60050 for the 1997 Technician of the Year Award, for the following reasons.

The Lemont Fire Protection District conducted business first with WIRFS in 1992 when we sent our FMC Pumper to be repaired after an accident. This was a special case to begin with because of its stainless steel body construction. The entire rear body and tail board had to be straightened or replaced. At the same time, I had Tim buff and do some other minor repairs to the cab of the engine. When the vehicle was returned, we were very pleased with the work that was done. From that period of time, WIRFS has been our primary center for major repair. The committee should know that Lemont's headquarters is 60 miles south of WIRFS and that we maintain 25 pieces of apparatus. There has been many cases where we have had to call on Tim to troubleshoot problems that we were unable to take care of in our own shop. We have also had to coordinate efforts between Tim, Pierce Mfg. and ourselves with certain electrical and breaking problems with our Pierce pumpers. Most recently our headquarter station was nearly destroyed by flood waters. Among the equipment, damage was done to our new Pierce Aerial Ladder Truck. Through Tim's efforts, we were able to get this truck back in service in a minimum amount of time. Also our maintenance division has scheduled for this year, all main fire apparatus will be on a yearly inspection program with Tim.

In closing, the Lemont Fire Protection District looks forward to a long working relationship with WIRFS Industries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Stech".

Richard J. Stech, Asst. Chief
Lemont Fire Protection District

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