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To Whom It May Concern:

For the 1997 Technician of the Year Award, I would like to nominate Tim Wirfs, of Wirfs Industries, 4021 W. Main Street., McHenry, IL 60050.

In 1996 and 1997 we took delivery of two Pierce Quints with 105 ft. aerials and 1500 GPM pumps. Tim's facility did the mounting of all the equipment and making sure it was ready for service. One of the items we had him install is a safety override for tilting the cab. Pierce builds their trucks so you can tilt the cab into the bottom of the ladder if it is not raised sufficiently. We had Tim install a safety circuit so the aerial has to be out of the bed far enough so you can tilt the cab and not hit the aerial.

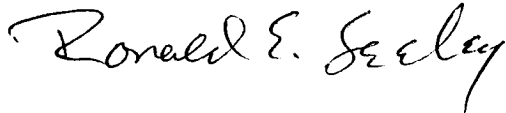
Another problem Tim solved for us, which was also a design flaw from Pierce, was a stop to prevent the ground ladders in the rear compartment from working their way back and jamming the roll up door. When this would happen you had to drive forward and slam on the brakes to slide the ladders forward away from the door. Tim designed a locking bar device that keeps them in place.

Tim has repaired both of our new Quints after they were involved in accidents. One involved replacing an entire outrigger that had been bent from a driver hitting a curb and the other was when a driver hooked a hydrant with the rear stairs to the aerial and pulled them off the truck.

Tim does an excellent job and more importantly does it in a very timely fashion. We cannot have a Quint tied up for repairs for long periods of time. We need the vehicles back to use and Tim's facility does that.

Tim's attitude is always great and is a great person to work with and deserves your consideration for this award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald E. Seeley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Ronald E. Seeley
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