



## EVANSTON FIRE & LIFE SAFETY SERVICES

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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 St. McHenry Il. 60050 for the 1997 Technician of the Year Award.

I have known Tim both professionally and personally for more than fifteen years. Before he went into fire apparatus service and repair he had long demonstrated exceptional talents in conceiving, designing, engineering, and the craftsmanship to both create and repair a wide variety of items and equipment.

When Tim began to work on fire apparatus it was obvious that he would be a success and a true asset to us in the fire service. As time passed his knowledge and experience grew to the point where no question can be asked nor task presented that he can not handle with excellence as his standard of measure.

The city I work for has it's own fleet service division with ten mechanics two of whom are trained in fire equipment repair and are assigned to repair and maintain fire department vehicles. Even with this staffing we still use Tim to perform many of our repairs. Whenever our mechanics have a question or a problem finding parts or materials Tim is always there for us. He is polite, friendly, easy to work with, always willing to spend whatever time it takes to make things right, and his knowledge is unsurpassed. Another great comfort is in knowing that when Tim works on one of our vehicles we never have to go back for any adjustments or corrections, to Tim done means done correctly.



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I have been in this business a long time and have been responsible for our vehicles for more than twenty years, because of this I have dealt with many people who claim to know fire equipment and non of them come even close to Tim.

In my opinion there could not be a more deserving individual for the 1997 Technician of the Year Award than Tim Wirfs.

Sincerely:

John Wilkinson,  
Acting Fire Chief  
Evanston Fire Department