



McHENRY TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

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April 28, 1997

1997 NAEVT Award Program Committee
29 Stillman Road, P.O. Box 97
Lynnfield, MA 01940-0097

RE: NOMINATION OF TIMOTHY L. WIRFS FOR 1997 TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

To Whom It May Concern:

The McHenry Township Fire Protection District which protects 60 square miles, is the largest volunteer / paid on call district in the State of Illinois. Our department consists of 140 Firefighters/ EMT'S and 3 stations. In 1996 we responded to over 2700 emergency calls. Our apparatus totals 29 pieces of equipment including 7 engines, 3 squads, 1 ladder tower , 5 ambulances, 3 grass trucks, 8 command and utility vehicles. Additionally, we have several specialized units such as a dive boat and a hovercraft used for ice rescue.

Being a volunteer / paid on call district, maintaining and repairing this many pieces of equipment without full-time help could be extremely challenging. Tim Wirfs of Wirfs Industries has alleviated this problem by becoming an integral part in keeping our maintenance and repair costs down while ensuring apparatus readiness. Tim developed a maintenance program which provides and guarantee's all apparatus is thoroughly inspected and maintained a minimum of a twice a year. Working hand in hand with the maintenance program is a monthly schedule which allows us to budget maintenance cost and has reduced the high end unexpected repairs we have experienced in the past. This monthly schedule ensures that no more than one piece of equipment will be out of service at one time which is a real benefit to our organization since we do not have reserve apparatus.



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Tim's expertise allows us the ability of having all of our equipment repaired by one vendor from our aerial platform to our hovercraft. In all cases Wirfs Industries meets our highest expectations.

With fire departments responding to calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year we have had to utilize Wirfs Industries other than during normal business hours. Whether it be 2:00 in the afternoon or 2:00 in the morning, Tim has always been available to assist us when an emergency occurs and on several occasions he has even responded to the emergency scene to perform work on an apparatus.

We have found that the services provided by Wirfs Industries and Tim Wirfs are of the highest quality. Over the years as Wirfs Industries has grown, Tim has not lost the personal touch necessary to maintain customer satisfaction.

Based on the above association with Wirfs Industries, I am privileged to nominate Timothy L Wirfs for the 1997 NAEVT Technician of the Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. J. Bennett", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher J. Bennett
Fire Chief