



Fire Department

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September 14, 2023

To The Honorable
The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners
200 East Wells Street, Room 705
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Commissioners:

I respectfully nominate Heavy Equipment Operator John T. Kowalski to the rank of Vehicle Operations Instructor. My reasons for recommending him for promotion are found below.

Heavy Equipment Operator Kowalski has 21 years of service with the department. He was appointed as a Firefighter in August of 2002, and was promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in August 2009. Heavy Equipment Operator Kowalski possesses an Associate Degree in Fire Science and has completed the MFD Professional Development Program coursework for the rank of Fire Lieutenant.


He is a dedicated team player and has a proven track record as an instructor in many capacities which is inherently required to the position of promotion. Among his list of instructor roles are:

- Heavy Equipment Operator Instructor for Milwaukee Fire Department Professional Development Program **State Driver Operator Pumper and Aerial Program** 2015 to present.
- Member of the Heavy Urban Rescue Team 2017 to present.
- Field qualifier and trainer to numerous heavy equipment operators and firefighters.
- Instructor at the Regional Emergency All-Climate Training Center and WI TF-1.

Heavy Equipment Operator Kowalski has a history of mentoring and educating heavy equipment operators and firefighters making him well-qualified for the Vehicle Operations Instructor of the Training Division. In addition, as a committee member of the MFD Apparatus Build Committee, he is instrumental in helping to design the apparatus he operates and trains others to operate.

I recommend Heavy Equipment Operator John T. Kowalski for promotion to the position of Vehicle Operations Instructor.

Sincerely,



AARON LIPSKI
Chief

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