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To whom it may concern,

Firehouse life is unlike any other life that somebody can become a part of. The firehouse is not for the week minded, selfish, fearful or stubborn individual. The characteristics that make up a strong Firefighter is someone who is family oriented, courageous and dedicated, dedicated to his brothers and sisters, dedicated to training, dedicated to being an active member. Greg Spector is more than all these characteristics. Greg is the full package.

Greg first came to the department having no experience or knowledge of the fire service like many, but took on the challenge of learning any and all skills to keep himself safe as well as the other firefighters. Greg showed his dedication immediately, scheduling training to learn interior and exterior firefighting skills, vehicle rescue technician skills, hazmat operations and many others. Hundreds of hours of training spent to better himself and to help serve the community.

Greg quickly became a part of the "family" within the firehouse. The "family" is referred to the bond amongst members that is made of trust, strong communication, leadership, knowledge and dedication. Greg was not shy in meeting new people and creating strong relationships with members of different ranks, age, gender and years of experience. This is very important to do in that if you are one to stand in the back of the crowd, not be noticed, you will not progress into a strong individual in any service you are a part of. Greg was always looking to better himself and to better his life. Greg was able to learn from everybody and transversely, input that knowledge on those who needed assistance or those or stood in the back. This is how Greg earned trust from others.

In the Lower Southampton Fire Dept, there are several different operations we specialize in. Engine company operations as well as Rescue operations. Greg studied the sciences of fire extinguishment in his interior and exterior operations class (Fire Fighter 1) but also continued quickly to learn the Departments second specialty, (Vehicle) Rescue. Greg became a member of the Rescue team because of his quick thinking, skills and ability to perform under stressful situations and situations where time is a factor. Quickly performing the duties to help care for patients in dangerous situations is where Greg shined.

Greg also became a part of the engineering staff as his trade skills shined and were recognized by others. Greg was willing to help fix trucks and equipment, build props as well as the firehouse Santa Sleigh-6, or be another skilled individual to bounce ideas off. His dedication to every aspect of the firehouse gained him the Firefighter of the Year award for 2014, a very prestigious award to receive and earn. Not many are worthy of such an award but Greg's ability to balance family and firehouse, giving 100% to both, was what made Greg stand out amongst the 80+ members of the Department.

Greg's dedication, trust, leadership, courage and care root from his family life. A family who through tough times are still together through everything; the good, bad and the ugly. Greg's parents and wife are his key supporters but where you see them, you will see a crowd of others who care just as much. Greg has so much love for his family and has been able to support them and care for them while holding a full time job at his family's construction business as well as being a member of the Lower Southampton Fire Dept. Caring for his two young girls who adore him so much and light up when he walks in

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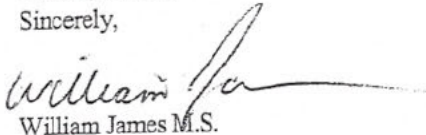


the door. Greg has been able to live two lives; family/home life as well as his life at the firehouse. He combines them even, bringing his girls to the station as well as his wife and father. He enjoys seeing the reaction of his family when they see him in his firefighting gear, getting on a truck and then coming back to him. Coming back to family is something we all look forward to. Receiving a hug from a little child, your spouse, parents or friends, we rely on this to succeed and continue living.

I have supervised, trained and worked alongside Greg Spector. He has gained my trust, my love and I have learned to call him family. Being the Vice President of the Department, I see members at a different angle where as the Chief of the department may be focused on the firefighting aspects. I see members as people and how they blend with others. Greg never blended, he always stood out. As the Departments Asst. Chief Engineer, again supervising Greg in this aspect, he was quick to complete work on equipment, service the apparatus, all sometimes without even directing.

Greg's absence is noticeable at this time. Not just because we don't see his face, but because of what he brought to the firehouse from the time he parked is truck till the time he shook everyone's hands and said "See ya on the next one", already geared up to come back and get back on that truck. I can only imagine him thinking about when he can put his gear back on, get back on that truck and then come back to get that hug from his little girls. I hope he gets that chance.

Thank you for your time.  
Sincerely,



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