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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my support to the nomination of Glenwood Fire Chief Dave Orłowski for the State Fire Chief's Association "Officer of the Year" Award.

Chief Orłowski has shown outstanding dedication to the fire fighting profession, his department, and his fellow firefighters. In June of 2011 the Glenwood Fire Department suffered a great loss with the untimely death of one of their firemen, Matt Chan. Through-out his own pain and loss of his own friend and firefighter, Chief Orłowski was able to hold his department together and organized a tremendous tribute to Chan during his funeral procession. Chief Orłowski was able to maintain his professionalism as the leader of his department and was their shoulder to lean on when needed.

On August 1st of 2011 the Glenwood and surrounding area was hit hard with a severe storm that wreaked havoc on the trees, power lines, and property of our community. During the subsequent hours and days of evacuations and clean-up, Chief Orłowski showed his dedication to helping others by organizing multiple fire departments rapidly and efficiently and deploying his personnel where they were needed. As the Emergency Management Director of Glenwood, I can first-handedly testify to Chief Orłowski's flawless performance under stress. He and his department played a significant role in helping the citizens of Glenwood and Pope County stay safe and recover without major incident or loss of life.

Chief Dave Orłowski is a volunteer fireman and works as Chief in a part-time capacity. In many instances in this year and his career, he has had to sacrifice valuable time away from work and family to serve the citizens of our area and his department. In 2010 Chief Orłowski dedicated many hours in preparing a grant for every fire department in Pope County to receive funding to transition from conventional VHF radios to the Armor 800 MHZ system. He selflessly volunteered to take on such a daunting but necessary task that ultimately obtained the funds for the equipment that every fireman and in our county will use and benefit from.

In closing, I would like to say that Chief Orłowski is a great role model. He sets the gold standard for what makes a great leader and Chief. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Glenwood Police Chief Dale B. Danter

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To whom it may concern.

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this letter of recommendation for Chief Dave Orlowski.

Dave began his career with the Glenwood Fire Department as all Fire Fighters do, to serve their communities and neighbors.

Dave has never said that a job is too tough. He is an interior Fire Fighter, an Engineer, Assistant Chief and now Chief.

He has always worked to be the best that he can be, in whatever position that he is in.

When I asked him to be an Assistant Chief for me, it was after discussion with some of the senior Fire Fighters of the Department. The history of the Department was to have "experience" for this position.

Dave had been on the Department for several years. He had advanced from Fire Fighter, Engineer, and Truck Capitan. I know he had the respect of fellow Fire Fighters and in my opinion he had the "experience". The rest of the senior members felt the same way about Dave. It was our intention that he would be a future Chief.

I offered the position to Dave and was never sorry for making that request and Dave accepting.

I worked with Dave for four years in this position. Dave did everything asked of him and more. He would write grants, handle personnel issues, and anything that was given to him. He listened well and spoke what he felt was important, not only to me but to all who worked with him.

Dave has the respect of his fellow Fire Fighters, Retired Fire Fighters, Emergency Responders, and Law Enforcement and most importantly the public.

Dave has done what all Fire Fighters want to do, serve their communities and neighbors.

Best Regards,

Jim Suckstorff
Past Fire Chief
Glenwood Fire Department