



Department of Police



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to share my knowledge of and observations of Mr. Al Blencoe, Information Coordinator, La Crosse County.

I have known Mr. Blencoe for the past fifteen years and have found him to be an extremely capable and effective manager. He was personally instrumental in helping to improve the flow of information across community and organizational boundaries and between computerized systems both in La Crosse County and within the State of Wisconsin. Mr. Blencoe's coordination and decision making allowed the La Crosse Police Department to be one of the first agencies in the state to participate in the Wisconsin Justice Information Sharing Program (WIJIS). The program supports the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance's mission of building safer communities by helping deliver to law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and other criminal justice professionals the information they need to make timely, accurate and fair decisions. WIJIS does so by building partnerships among stake holders in the criminal justice system in harnessing technology to improve justice system processes.

Mr. Blencoe's management ability coupled with his knowledge of cutting edge technology has made him an extremely important asset to our agency. He personally coordinated and directed our transition to a new records management system utilizing VisionAir software. The process was extremely complicated and demanded a high level of technical and human relations skills. Through the years Mr. Blencoe has helped us implement crime mapping, on-line investigations and police inventory controls.

In closing I would like to say that Mr. Al Blencoe possesses those traits and assets required to be a success in the fast changing world of technology in both the private and public sectors. Please do not hesitate to call me at 608-789-7201 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward Kondracki".

Edward Kondracki
Chief of Police

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