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To Whom It May Concern

I am delighted to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Alan Blencoe. I have known Al since he joined La Crosse County as a telecommunicator in 1984. At the time, I was a Supervisor for the La Crosse Emergency Dispatch Center and was part of the panel that tested, interviewed and hired Al.

In 1989, I recommended Al to be promoted to Supervisor and we became colleagues. In 2007, I again became his supervisor when I became Administrator of Emergency Services and he held the position of Technology Coordinator. In 2009, that position would be discontinued and Al became the manager of Public Safety Communications, under my direction.

In the many years I have worked with Al, I have found him to be very knowledgeable, not only in the public safety field, but in the various aspects needed to be a manager. His duties were to provide oversight of the day-to-day activities of the public safety communications center, including direct supervision of the supervisory staff. He has been the department liaison with the agencies we provide services to; including law enforcement, fire fighting, emergency medical and information technology systems. He worked closely with Emergency Management, specifically during disasters and public safety events, acting as La Crosse County's Public Information Officer. Not only did he perform his duties admirably, but he did so with an exceptional attitude.

It was truly unfortunate that due to the current slacking economy, La Crosse County was forced to eliminate the manager position. This decision was in no way based on Al's performance, but strictly a decision to reduce payroll in Emergency Services. During his employment, Al has been a dependable and respected employee.

Al will be an asset to any employer and I recommend him for any endeavor he chooses to pursue. I would be pleased to answer additional questions regarding Al. Please contact me at 608-785-9860.

Sincerely,



Jay A. Loeffler

Administrator