



DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to provide a letter of recommendation for R. Michael Hackley, AIA of Michael Hackley Architects, PC. In 2005 and 2006, I was serving as the Capital Projects Manager for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS). During this time, I worked very closely with Mr. Hackley during all phases of design for the new Germantown-Kingsview Fire Station #22.

The design of this facility was very challenging due to the size and configuration of the land parcel to build a new station. The situation was compounded by a wetlands area near the center of the site, which could not be moved due to budgetary considerations.

I was most impressed with Mr. Hackley's detailed knowledge of fire station design. It was clear that he was committed to providing a fire station layout that would meet the needs of the firefighters. Mr. Hackley asked the right questions and knew the details to make the end result a successful one. This was particularly important to me because of my 30+ years experience as a firefighter.

I have been involved in the design and construction of many public safety capital projects both in my former position at MCFRS, and in my current position as the Management and Budget Director for the Montgomery County Police. I know the value of retaining a design consultant who has subject matter significant experience, as it makes the project run smoother and more efficiently. Mr. Hackley has clearly demonstrated his experience and ability in fire station design will be an asset to future fire station capital projects. Please feel free to contact me at 240-773-5237 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Neil A. Shorb, Director  
Management and Budget Division