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18th Battalion 925 E Tremont Ave Bronx NY NYFD

To Whom It May Coneern:

I have known Fireman Ralph Feldman, Engine 45 for a period of eight years; three of them as his superior officer (Captain of Engine 45) and five as Battalion Chief, 18th Battalion, Bronx NY, which is quartered with Engine 45.

During this period I have assigned Fr Feldman various tasks;
Building Inspector, Public Speaker, Summons Man, to quote a few. He has carried all of these various tasks out with skill and initiative at all times.

The 18th Battalion is located in the South Bronx in a ghetto area, and the daily situations encountered by officers and members of the Fire Department are explosive and require immediate action, daring, and calmness to avoid racial situations, and confrontations. Fireman Feldman has met this criterion, acting with calm and judgement in any situation that he has been involved in. He has created interesting and varied school programs in the local ghetto schools utilizing our mascot, a dalmatian dog named Smokey, which were well received and appreciated. His building inspection duties were carried out in a calm, rational manner, and his attempts in this direction were to aid the people we protect.

In our daily associations, Fireman Feldman has shown intelligence and ability to high degree, and has conducted himself very well in every respect.

Yours Traly Sofres
Battal ion Chief, 18 Bn Gr 7
William Bohner