



# LETTER OF COMMENDATION

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## DFM-DARIN NIEDERHAUS AND FAMILY EOD CANINE-BRICKMAN

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In recognition of service to the Citizens and Visitors of the City of Arlington, in accordance with the values of the Arlington Fire Department, this commendation is for the City's first EOD K9 Brickman, Deputy Fire Marshal Darin Niederhaus, his wife Stacy, and children Sidney and Dalton. With the support and commitment from the Niederhaus Family, Darin went to the 10-week ATF K9 Training School in January 2006 with his partner Brickman. Brickman had already completed a year of ATF K9 Basic School. After completion of their joint training they became certified as our first EOD K9 Team. Brickman began service in April of 2006 and retired in October 2013. During his 49 dog-year career, Brickman worked three Super Bowls, two NBA All Star Games, two World Series, one Republican National Convention, numerous Presidential details, and hundreds of other Special Event and Homeland Security missions. The EOD K9 unit is a unique team. Their success is attributable to the expertise, love, patience, and commitment of the handler, the supporting and adopting family, and the tireless efforts of the service canine.

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Don Crowson  
Fire Chief/Director of Emergency Management