



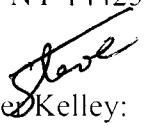
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LETTER OF COMMENDATION

February 4, 2013

Trooper Steven M. Kelley
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Dear Trooper  Kelley: *

On December 24, 2012, you came across a motor vehicle accident in the town of Perinton where the vehicle had struck a tree. The engine compartment was on fire, with visible flames coming up from under the hood. There were several individuals on the scene attempting to extinguish the blaze by throwing snow into the engine compartment. You immediately radioed for additional emergency assistance and provided your fire extinguisher to an individual who was trying to extinguish the fire. People at the scene informed you that there was a person trapped inside the burning vehicle. The vehicle had sustained extensive damage which prevented you from opening any doors. At that point, you utilized your Division issued baton to break out the driver's window. The driver appeared to be semiconscious and pinned under the steering wheel. The efforts to extinguish the fire had failed and without the assistance of trained emergency responders, you organized the people on the scene to assist you with removing the trapped occupant. While you stabilized the victim's neck, two other men pulled him from the burning vehicle and moved him to safety.

Your quick and decisive actions resulted in a life being saved or at the very least, prevented a subject from suffering serious physical injury. You are commended for your efforts, which reflect upon the highest tradition of the New York State Police.

Sincerely



Major Mark A. Koss
Troop E Commander