



## Central Florida Fire Academy

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**"Providing safe, high quality and innovative fire/rescue education and training."**

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Ms Maryalicia Johnson. I've know Ms Johnson for over 20 years. Over the last 20 years I've worked for her on a number of projects and in more recent years she has brought her expertise to the Fire Academy to share during her Public Information Officer class.

During my employment with the Orlando Fire Department I had the opportunity to work with Ms Johnson on several special projects that she coordinated. These projects included, but are not limited to, the Citizens Fire Academy and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Both of these were important community outreach projects for the Fire Department. Ms Johnson has always been a driving force behind her selected projects and has the personality and ability to rally others to support them as well. These community relations projects got off the ground and thrived because of her dedication and commitment.

Over the past four years Ms Johnson has been a guest instructor at the Academy providing a Fire Officer Certification course called Public Information Officer (PIO). Ms Johnson brings a lot of experience into the classroom. Not only does she teach our students how to respond appropriately to the news media but she also insists that each student gets real experience in front of the camera. During the class a news style studio is set up at the Academy and each student is recorded answering tough questions presented to them by the media. Not only is the class informative but it is also fun and provides the students with the skills necessary to represent their fire departments professionally and in a positive manner. Because of her expertise we have earned the reputation of providing the finest PIO class in Central Florida.

Over the years I have found Maryalicia to have an outstanding work ethic, she is reliable, a strong team builder, and has wonderful moral and ethical standards. Because of this Maryalicia Johnson has my highest recommendation to enter the MBA program. I believe that she would be an excellent representative for your program and a real asset after completing the course work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Stilp".

Richard Stilp  
Director