

Executive Director

National Tactical Officers Association  
Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Dear Executive Director,

I am honored to draft this letter of recommendation for Chickasaw Lighthouse Assistant Chief of Police Terrance Bush. Upon meeting Terrance in 2020, it immediately became evident that he embodies exceptional leadership qualities. I had the privilege of conducting training sessions for Terrance and his team on numerous occasions, during which his innovative thinking and forward-looking approach enabled his team to excel in almost every aspect related to SWAT operations.

Terrance has been a valued member of the Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Department SWAT team since 2011, and he swiftly ascended the ranks. Assuming command in 2020, he promptly initiated a comprehensive overhaul of the team to adhere to the policies, procedures, and standards outlined by the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA). Under his leadership, the formerly modest-sized team has been transformed into one of the most proactive and reputable units in the state of Oklahoma. Terrance has effectively imbued the NTOA standards within his team and consistently endeavors to enhance both his own performance and that of the team.

It is my belief that Terrance would serve as an excellent addition to the board of directors for NTOA. His innovativeness, forward-thinking, and proven credibility, combined with his representation of tribal police departments, make him an ideal candidate. With a strong professional background, solid education, and exceptional leadership skills, Terrance is well-suited for the NTOA Board of Directors, Central Region. I highly recommend considering Terrance for this position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Smelser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and last name "Smelser" clearly distinguishable.

Chris Smelser  
Team Leader

Los Angeles County Special Enforcement Bureau  
Special Weapons Team