

Dear Tom,

It occurred to me earlier today as I was preparing for tomorrow's inspection that I have never formally or properly thanked you for the instruction I received at your school or the on going help you've given me in my inspection career. Let me correct that now by writing you this thank you letter.

First, when I think back to the hours I spent attending your school (The Midwest Inspectors Institute), I can honestly say that you were by far the best teacher I have ever had (college included). You were not only extremely knowledgeable as would be expected but had the rare talent of being able to craft the lessons in a fun and easily understandable way. You would not move on until you were satisfied that all the students had a firm grasp of the concepts you were trying to impart on us. If one idea did not seem to work you would easily find another to get your message across. Of all the hours of schooling I've had in my life, the hours I spent attending your school were the most rewarding. There is not a week that goes by that I don't find myself pulling you text book off the shelf to see "what does Tom have to say about that".

In almost all cases that I'm aware of, when the class or school ends, that's pretty much it. Not so with you as you have always cheerfully taken my phone calls when an inspection question arose and I needed an answer, again thank you.

I'm just another inspector among the thousands in the country with no claim to fame except that I can always brag that I learned from the best - Tom Lauhon of the Midwest Inspectors Institute.

If I can ever help you with a prospective student, please don't hesitate to have them call me as I would be proud to expand to them what I have tried to convey to you.

Cordially,

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