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## **The Lake Forest Fire Department is Awarded International Reaccreditation Status**

The *Lake Forest Department* in *The City of Lake Forest, Illinois* has received Accredited Agency status with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) for meeting the criteria established through the CFAI's self-assessment and accreditation program. The *Lake Forest Fire Department* is one of 218 agencies to achieve Internationally Accredited Agency status with the CFAI and the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc. (CPSE)

The Commission on Fire Accreditation International is dedicated to assisting the fire and emergency service agencies throughout the world in achieving excellence through self-assessment and accreditation in order to provide continuous quality improvement and the enhancement of service delivery to their communities. The CFAI process is voluntary, and provides an agency with an improvement model to assess their service delivery and performance internally and then works with a team of peers from other agencies to evaluate their completed self-assessment.

The agency's accomplishment of Accredited Agency status validates the commitment of the department to provide the highest quality of service to the residents of The City of Lake Forest. The organization has been able to use the Commission on Fire Accreditation International's process as a proactive instrument to plan for the future of the Fire Department.

Representatives from The City of Lake Forest, including City Manager Bob Kiely, Chief Jeffrey Howell, Deputy Chief Christopher Garrison, Battalion Chief and Accreditation Manager Mike Gallo, and Union President Cory Kazimour accepted the award on behalf of the department on August 24, 2015.

