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Branson's Fire Chief Completes International Professional Designation Process

BRANSON, Mo – Branson Fire Chief, Ted Martin has successfully reached the professional designation of “Chief Fire Officer” (CFO). Chief Martin becomes one of only 1,305 CFOs worldwide and is now the second Branson fire department employee, joining Battalion Chief Mike Novak, to achieve this designation. The Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) met on March 13, 2018 to confer the designation.

The Designation program is a voluntary program designed to recognize individuals who demonstrate excellence in seven measured components including experience, education, professional development, professional contributions, association membership, community involvement and technical competence. In addition, all applicants are required to identify a future professional development plan.

The CFO designation program uses a comprehensive peer review model to evaluate candidates seeking the credential. The CPC awards the designation only after an individual successfully meets all of the organization's stringent criteria.

Achieving this designation signifies Chief Martin's commitment to his career in the fire and emergency services.

This professional designation is valid for three years. Maintaining the designation requires recipients to show continued growth in professional development, professional contributions, active association membership and community involvement as well as adhere to a strict code of professional conduct.

The CPC, an entity of the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc., (CPSE) administers the Designation Program. The CPC consists of individuals from academia, federal and local government, and the fire and emergency medical services profession. To learn more about CPC, visit www.cpse.org.

“This is a small step toward my goal of leading the entire Branson Fire Department towards becoming accredited as well. This designation takes work to accomplish and commitment to maintain, therefore it drives us towards excellence. This accreditation will help ensure the Branson community is receiving the best service from the highest qualified department,” said Chief Martin.

The City of Branson commends Chief Martin’s efforts and dedication in achieving this personal and professional milestone.

“I am proud of Ted and his dedication to enhancing the professionalism of our fire department,” said Branson City Administrator Stan Dobbins.

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