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### **Deputy Fire Chief Completes International Professional Designation Process: Becoming One of 1,279 Worldwide**

**Burlington, NC** – Deputy Fire Chief Matt Lawrence has successfully gained the professional designation of “Chief Fire Officer” (CFO). The Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) met on May 8, 2018 to confer the designation. Lawrence becomes one of only 1,279 CFOs worldwide.

The Designation program is a voluntary program designed to recognize individuals who demonstrate excellence in seven measures 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 credential. The Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) awards the designation only after an individual successfully meets all the organization’s stringent criteria.

Achieving this designation signifies Deputy Chief Lawrence’s commitment to excellence.

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

The Commission on Professional Credentialing, an entity of the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc., (CPSE) administers the Designation Program. The CPC consist of individuals form academia, federal and local government, and the fire and emergency medical services profession. To learn more about CPC, visit [www.cpse.org](http://www.cpse.org).

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