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# {Fire Department} is Awarded International {Accredited} {Reaccreditation} Status

The *(agency name)* in *(agency location)* has received Accredited Agency status with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) for meeting the criteria established through the CFAI’s voluntary self-assessment and accreditation program. The *(agency name)* is one of more than 300 agencies to achieve Internationally Accredited agency status with the CFAI and the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc. (CPSE)

*(Consider adding the names of other agencies in Accredited Agency status or other agencies with that status within your state or region; or state that you are the “first, second…”)*

CFAI is dedicated to assisting the fire and emergency service agencies throughout the world in achieving excellence through self-assessment and accreditation to provide continuous quality improvement and the enhancement of service delivery to their communities. The CFAI process 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 verify and validate their completed self-assessment.

*(Insert Representative Name)* stated that the agency’s achievement of Accredited Agency status “demonstrates the commitment of the agency to provide the highest quality of service to our community.” *(Insert Representative Name)* also said, “We have also been able to use the Commission on Fire Accreditation International’s process as a proactive mechanism to plan for the future of this agency and locate areas where we can improve on the quality of the services we provided.” *(Consider identifying the positive aspects found during this process.)*

*(Consider adding a short paragraph about how your agency completed the process, how much time it took and identify the lead participants or a quote from your jurisdictional leaders, such as the city/county manager, elected officials, etc. You can also use items from the fact sheet for your press release!)*