



## TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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### **FIRE CHIEF EARNS FIRE ENGINEERING DESIGNATION**

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 11/30/10) – Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman has been approved for designation as Member in *The Institute of Fire Engineers*, it was announced Tuesday.

To earn membership in the institution, applicants must meet stringent admission requirements and criteria, including academic, professional and fire-service qualifications. Membership confers the right to use the honorific designation *MIFireE*.

A fire engineer is a highly skilled professional who understands and assesses the characteristics and mechanics of a fire and the processes of containing or combating its effects.

“I am humbled to receive this designation and to represent leaders of the world’s fire service and engineering communities,” Chapman said.

The Institute of Fire Engineers was founded in the United Kingdom in 1918 and has a global reach that extends through 39 international branches. The institution’s objective is to promote, encourage and improve the science and practice of fire engineering, including fire prevention and extinction.

Chapman joined the Temple Terrace Fire Department in 1996 as a firefighter and paramedic. He was a volunteer firefighter for three years before that. He continues to lead the department’s efforts to maintain international accreditation, an honor that places the Temple Terrace Fire Department in elite standing as one of the top fire departments in the United States.

Chapman was named fire chief in May, 2007.

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