



## TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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### FIRE CHIEF EARNS ‘CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER’ DESIGNATION

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 8/24/11) – Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman has been named a *Chief Medical Officer*, an internationally recognized professional designation.

The announcement came Tuesday in Atlanta during the annual meeting of the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE). The CPSE also announced that the Temple Terrace Fire Department was approved for renewal of its international *Accredited Agency* status, a designation that places the Temple Terrace Fire Department among the nation’s most elite firefighting organizations.

The Chief Medical Officer designation recognizes individuals who have excelled in areas of paramedic training, management, budgeting, technical knowledge and expertise. It assures the public the recipient is among the nation’s best-trained paramedical professionals.

Chapman’s designation as a *Chief Fire Officer*, which he first earned in 2008, also was approved for renewal Tuesday, making Chapman one of the few individuals to hold both CMO and CFO credentials.

“I believe individual professional credentialing is an important part of demonstrating excellence in service,” Chapman said. “I am honored to be given these international designations by the Center for Public Safety Excellence.”

Chapman, 36, joined the Temple Terrace Fire Department in 1996 as a firefighter and paramedic. He was named assistant fire chief in 2006 and promoted to fire chief in 2007.

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