



TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE



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TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCREDITATION FROM THE COMMISSION ON FIRE ACCREDITATION INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL – 01/12/06) Following a week-long visit from the Commission for Fire Accreditation International, Inc. (CFAI) Peer Assessment Team, the Temple Terrace Fire Department learned today that they have successfully completed the final step in their quest to achieve International Accreditation Status, and will be recommended for this prestigious certification at the Fire Rescue International (FRI) Conference to be held in Dallas, Texas this September.

The Peer Assessment Team spent four days with the Fire Department and other offices of the City, reviewing the department's self assessment to ensure compliance with the commission's extensive list of standards for fire departments worldwide. The Fire Department began the lengthy accreditation process over seven years ago, and has strived to maintain a standard of excellence and continuous improvement throughout the arduous self assessment, which was submitted to CFAI last July.

The Temple Terrace Fire Department will join only 106 fire departments in the world with this elite status, and will become the first fire department in Hillsborough County to be accredited.

The Commission for Fire Accreditation International, Inc. is designed to evaluate and recognize fire service agencies worldwide as meeting specific evaluation criteria designed to meet operations parameters for fire and emergency service agencies. CFAI grants accreditation to agencies upon the successful completion of an in-depth self assessment and on-site evaluation. The CFAI self assessment process has been under development for over 15 years and has involved hundreds of fire service professionals. For more information on CFAI, visit their website at www.cfainet.org.

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