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CHAPMAN EARNS 'CHIEF FIRE OFFICER' DESIGNATION

(TEMPE TERRACE, FL. – 5/13/08) – Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman has been honored as a *Chief Fire Officer*, a national designation from the Commission on Professional Credentialing.

Chapman, 33, will be recognized at the Fire Rescue-International Conference in Denver, Colo. in August. 'Chief Fire Officer' is a prestigious designation based on exceptional leadership and management skills in fire service, as measured by the Virginia-based Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc. (CPSE).

Becoming a Chief Fire Officer is a daunting task, requiring a detailed portfolio of qualifications, certifications, transcripts, and personal testimonials and recommendations. Chapman joins a select group of just 578 CFOs worldwide, according to the CPSE.

"You're evaluated on every aspect of being a fire officer," Chapman explained. "There's so much information you have to provide. It's a long process."

Chapman was instrumental in helping the Temple Terrace Fire Department achieve Accredited Agency status in 2006, an honor that places the department in elite standing as one of the top-rated fire departments both nationally and internationally. Chapman 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.

"I'm excited to receive the designation," Chapman said of the CFO honor. "It's a highly sought endorsement in fire service, and it's really nice to lead an accredited department when you're designated as a Chief Fire Officer. It's a nice accomplishment."

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