



# TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE



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## **Division Chief Keith Chapman Named Assistant Fire Chief**

**(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL – 10/10/06) – Keith Chapman, a 10-year veteran of the Temple Terrace Fire Department, has been promoted to Assistant Fire Chief.**

**Temple Terrace Fire Chief Ernie Hiers said the appointment is effective immediately.**

**Chapman, 31, joined the Temple Terrace Fire Department in 1996 as a firefighter and paramedic. He was a volunteer firefighter for three years before that.**

**In 2002, he was promoted to Division Chief of Personnel Development, with duties ranging from incident-scene management to training for paramedics and firefighters.**

**In his new position, Chapman will be in charge of department operations, supervising captains and division chiefs. He'll also oversee the City's housing personnel and manage the City's risk-reduction program.**

**Chapman was a member of the department's Strategic Development Team, which crafted and implemented the performance and quality-improvement criteria needed for international accreditation.**

**Last month, the Temple Terrace Fire Department was awarded Accredited Agency status by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI), a program of the Virginia-based Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc. The honor places the Temple Terrace Fire Department in elite standing as one of the top fire departments in the United States.**

**"The personnel here have done a phenomenal job," Chapman said. "Our guys deserve a lot of credit for that."**

**Chapman said he is excited about his new position and will begin work immediately to implement recommendations made by the accreditation committee.**

**Education:**

**M. A. Degree – Organizational Management  
University of Phoenix, 2004**

**B. S. Degree - Fire and Safety Engineering  
University of Cincinnati, 2002**

**A. S. Degree - Emergency Medical Services  
Hillsborough Community College, 1996**

**A. S. Degree – Fire Science Technology  
Hillsborough Community College, 1994**

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