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Local Fire Chief Completes International Professional Designation Process

Fire Chief Walter Groman of the Volente Fire Department has successfully completed the process that awards him the professional designation of "Chief Fire Officer" (CFO). The Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) met on May 5, 2010, to officially confer the designation upon Chief Groman. Chief Groman is one of only 693 CFO's worldwide.

The CPC awards the CFO designation only after an individual successfully meets all of the organization's stringent criteria. The process includes an assessment of the applicant's education, experience, professional development, technical competencies, contributions to the profession, and community involvement. In addition, All applicants are required to identify a future professional development plan.

Chief Groman has a rich knowledge of the emergency services profession and has far surpassed critical core competencies for personnel serving in senior fire officer positions.

The CFO designation program uses a comprehensive peer review model to evaluate candidates seeking the credential

The Commission on Professional Credentialing, an entity of the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc., (CPSE) administers the CFO Designation Program. The CPC consists of individuals from academia, federal and local government, and the fire and emergency medical services profession. To learn more about CPC, visit www.publicsafetyexcellence.org. To learn more about the Volente Fire Department, visit www.vvfd.net.

Chief Groman has been a member of the Volente Fire Department for 3 years and resides in Austin.