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Fairmount Fire Rescue is Awarded International Accredited Status

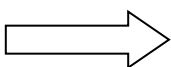
The Fairmount Fire Protection District (FFPD) in *Golden Colorado* has received Accredited Agency status with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) for meeting the criteria established through the CFAI's self-assessment and accreditation program. The FFPD is one of more than 250 agencies to achieve Internationally Accredited Agency status with the CFAI and the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc. (CPSE)

Fairmount Fire Rescue joins the following agencies that have achieved accreditation in Colorado: Aurora Fire Department; South Metro Fire Rescue; Arvada Fire Department; Red, White & Blue Fire Department; Mountain View Fire Protection District; Poudre Fire Authority; Castle Rock Fire and Rescue; West Metro Fire Protection District; Loveland Fire Rescue Authority; Windsor Severance Fire Rescue; Colorado Springs Fire Department; Pueblo Fire Department; Denver Fire Department; Buckley AFB Fire & Emergency Services; Cheyenne Mountain Fire & Emergency Services; and Summit Fire Rescue.

The CFAI is dedicated to assisting the fire and emergency service agencies throughout the world in achieving excellence through self-assessment and accreditation in order to provide continuous quality improvement and the enhancement of service delivery to their communities. This process is voluntary, and provides an agency with an improvement model to assess their service delivery and internal performance. The CFAI selects a team of peers from other agencies to evaluate a candidate agency's completed self-assessment and decides whether or not they should be recommended for accreditation.

Fire Chief Alan Fletcher stated that the FFPD's achievement of Accredited Agency status "demonstrates the commitment of our agency to provide the highest quality of service to our community." Chief Fletcher also said, "We have been able to use the Commission on Fire Accreditation International's process as a proactive mechanism to plan for the future of this agency and identify areas where we can improve on the quality of the services we provide."

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The FFPD began working through the accreditation process 5 years ago in order to evaluate the services it provides to the community. "This process has improved our organization, it has made us look at why we do things and based on the answer, we then determine the what, how, where, and when," said Chief Fletcher. Board President Robert Wilson II stated, "This recognition is a testament to the professionalism of our members, as well as their training and commitment to our community and area partners."

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