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HARTMAN RECEIVES CFO AND FM DESIGNATIONS

Muscatine assistant fire chief one of less than 100 in world to have double designation

MUSCATINE, Iowa – Muscatine Assistant Fire Chief Michael Hartman has successfully completed the process that awards the professional designation of “Chief Fire Officer” (CFO) and “Fire Marshal” (FM). Hartman’s accomplishment is a rare accomplishment with less than 100 in the world holding the double designation.

The Commission of Professional Credentialing (CPC) met on December 11, 2018, to confer the designations. Hartman becomes one of only 142 FMs and 1,339 CFOs worldwide.

Hartman began his career with the Muscatine Fire Department in 1994, but began his EMS career by volunteering for Eldora EMS in Eldora, Iowa. He earned his Paramedic certification in 1995, bachelor’s degree in 1999, master’s degree in 2007, and Executive Fire Officer designation in 2012. He became one of five Muscatine Fire Department members to be recognized with the Career Individual Provider of the year award from the Iowa EMS Association in 2012.

Hartman became Assistant Fire Chief for the Muscatine Fire Department in November 2009 and has served as a Field Program Instruction for the Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau since 2003. He joins Fire Chief Jerry Ewers as a CFO. Ewers received his designation in 2010.

The Designation program is a voluntary program designed to recognize individuals who demonstrate their excellence in seven measured components including experience, education, professional development, professional contributions, association membership, community involvement, and technical experience. In addition, all applicants are required to identify a future professional development plan.

The CFO and FM designation programs use a comprehensive peer review model to evaluate candidates seeking the credential. The CPC awards the designation only after an individual successfully meets all of the organization's stringent criteria.

Achieving this designation signifies Hartman's commitment to his career in the fire and emergency services.

This professional designation is valid for three years. Maintaining the designation requires recipients to show continued growth in the areas of professional development, professional contributions, active association membership, and community involvement as well as adhere to a strict code of professional conduct.

The CPC, an entity of the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc., (CPSE) administers the Designation Program. The CPC consists of individuals from academia, federal, and local government, and the fire and emergency medical services profession.

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