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Fire Chief Larry Jennings Completes International Professional Designation Process

WARRENSBURG, MO – Johnson County Fire Protection District Fire Chief Larry W. Jennings has successfully completed the process that awards the professional designation of “Chief Fire Officer” (CFO). The Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) met on February 1, 2022 to confer the designation. Jennings becomes one of only 1,612 CFOs worldwide.

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 competence. In addition, all applicants are required to identify a future professional development plan.

The CFO designation program uses a comprehensive peer review model to evaluate candidates seeking the credential. The Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) awards the designation only after an individual successfully meets all of the organization’s stringent criteria.

Achieving this designation signifies Chief Jennings’ commitment to his career in the fire and emergency services.

Jennings, a Warrensburg native, began his career in the fire service in June 1976 and was an original member of the JCFPD when the District formed in January 1979. He has served the JCFPD as Fire Chief since 1996 and assumed the role as a career in 2007. Jennings currently serves as the President of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri (which has over 7,500 members from over 350 fire, emergency medical, and emergency communication agencies from across all of Missouri) and serves on the Board of Directors for the Professional Fire and Fraud Investigators Association.

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 Commission on Professional Credentialing, 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. To learn more about CPC, visit www.cpse.org.

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