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**BUFFALO GROVE FIRE CHIEF COMPLETES INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL
RE-DESIGNATION**

Buffalo Grove, Illinois – Buffalo Grove Fire Chief Mike Baker has received the professional re-designation of Chief Fire Officer (CFO) from the Center for Public Safety Excellence’s Commission on Professional Credentialing. Chief Baker is one of 1,391 CFOs worldwide and one of only 58 CFOs in Illinois. Chief Baker obtained the original designation in July of 2013.

A Board of Review consisting of fire and emergency services professionals, academia, and municipal agencies review applications and recommend successful candidates for designation or re-designation to the Commission.

“I am extremely honored to have achieved this professional accolade, as it reflects my strong commitment to the fire service relating to lifelong learning, skill development and community service,” said Chief Baker. “I am dedicated to the proficiency and delivery of services provided by the Buffalo Grove Fire Department to all who live, work or visit Buffalo Grove.”

The CFO Designation is a voluntary program that recognizes individuals who demonstrate excellence in several areas, including education and professional development, association membership and technical competencies.

Chief Baker has been a member of the Buffalo Grove Fire Department since 2013 and holds a Master’s Degree in Public Administration (MPA) from Northern Illinois University and a Master’s Degree in Emergency Management from Upper Iowa University.

The Commission on Professional Credentialing is an entity of the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc., (CPSE) and 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 cpse.org.

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