



## Gainesville Fire Rescue Department

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# What is Accreditation?

- “A Continuous Improvement Model Through Self-Assessment” – CFAI
- Developed in the mid-1980s by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA)
- Managed by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) through the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE)



# The CFAI Mission

The mission of the Commission on Fire Accreditation International is to assist 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 enhancement of service delivery to their communities.

*CFAI Self-Assessment Manual 8<sup>th</sup> Edition*

# What Does Being Accredited Mean?

- One of less than 200 accredited agencies world-wide by CFAI
- GFR practices have been validated as aligning with the “best practice” models identified by National Standards such as the National Fire Protection Association

# Benefits

- Promotes excellence within your organization
- Encourages quality improvement through a continuous process of self-evaluation
- Establishes a methodology for building on strong points and addressing deficiencies
- Provides assurance to the public that the organization is dedicated to improving performance
- Fosters pride in the organization from its members, community leaders, and citizens.

# Accreditation Cornerstones

## Fire and Emergency Services **Self-Assessment**



Gainesville  
Fire Rescue  
**Strategic Plan**

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**Standards of Cover**

# New Beginning

