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#### Gainesville Fire Rescue Department

#### Agency Accreditation March 11, 2014 Fire Chief Gene Prince



# 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 selfassessment 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



 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



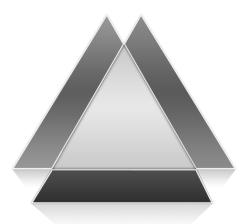


- Promotes excellence within your organization
- Encourages quality improvement through a continuous process of self-evaluation
- Establishes a methodology for building on strong points and addressing deficiencies
- Provides assurance to the public that the organization is dedicated to improving performance
- 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

Gainesville Fire Rescue Standards of Cover



# **New Beginning**

