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### **Gainesville Fire Rescue Accreditation Status (B)**

**This item requests that the Commission hear a report from Fire Chief Gene Prince on GFR's recent success becoming an accredited fire rescue agency with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. \*ESTIMATED STAF PRESENTATION 10 MINUTES\***

During the summer of 2011, the City Manager authorized Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) to seek accreditation with the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). In October 2011, GFR became an applicant agency with the CFAI and embarked on a series of required business practices designed to provide a critical self-assessment of the organization and its service delivery. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, the City Commission formally adopted the GFR Strategic Plan and GFR Standards of Cover developed during the accreditation process and, in February 2013, GFR requested a peer assessor team site visit from the CFAI. The peer assessor team completed their site visit in July 2013 and, after an additional period of performance measurement reporting to CFAI from August 2013 through December 2013, the peer assessor team recommended GFR for accreditation status. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Fire Chief Gene Prince and Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers appeared before the CFAI Commission at the semi-annual accreditation hearings held at the CPSE Excellence Conference. After completing their inquiry regarding several recommendations from the peer assessor team, the Commission voted to award GFR accredited status.

To maintain accredited status, GFR is required to complete quarterly performance reporting for the first year; submit annual compliance reports by January of each year; and, undergo a site visit once every five years.

None.

The City Commission hear the report from Chief Prince.