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FIRE CHIEF ACHIEVES PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

AUBURN, ME. - The City of Auburn is proud to announce that Fire Chief Geoffrey Low has earned the professional designation of "Chief Fire Officer (CFO)." The CFO credential, which was awarded by the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE), is a significant professional achievement.

"Earning your CFO takes real commitment, talent and dedication," said City Manager Denis D'Auteuil. "We are so proud of Chief Low for achieving this impressive personal and professional milestone."

According to CPSE, achieving the CFO designation requires a strong educational background; diverse participation in emergency services at the local, state, and national level; and demonstrated involvement in the broader community, all validated by emergency services peers.

The Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) met this week and voted unanimously to award Low the "Chief Fire Officer" (CFO) designation. Said the Commission, "You have earned the professional designation as witnessed by a team of your peers...you have demonstrated through your education, leadership and management skills that you possess the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities required for the fire and emergency services profession."

Chief Low, who has Associate and Bachelor Degrees in Fire Science, as well as Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in Public Administration, began his career in the Fire Service more than 30 years ago as a Junior Firefighter. Low, who is also a Paramedic, has spent 22 years with the Auburn Fire Department, serving as Deputy Chief and in his current capacity as Chief. He continues his personal and professional development as a member of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer (EFO) program, which he is just months away from completing.

"Finding a balance between training, experience and formal education is critical in the Fire Service," said Low. "I set this as a personal goal because I value education and I wanted to push myself. I believe that it makes me a better leader, and I hope it will inspire the rest of my team to consider a similar path; professional growth helps make our fire service better and stronger."

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