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Lt. Barger Completes International Professional Designation Process

Public Safety Lieutenant Steven P. Barger has successfully completed the process that awards the professional designation of “Fire Officer” (FO). The Center for Public Safety Excellence’s Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) met on April 5, 2022, to confer the designation. Barger becomes one of only 636 FOs worldwide.

The Designation program is a voluntary program designed to recognize individuals who demonstrate their excellence in seven measured components including experience, education, professional development, professional contributions, association membership, community involvement and technical competence. In addition, all applicants are required to identify a future professional development plan.

The FO designation program uses a comprehensive peer review model to evaluate candidates seeking the credential. The Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) awards the designation only after an individual successfully meets all of the organization’s stringent criteria.

Achieving this designation signifies Lieutenant Barger’s commitment to his career in the fire and emergency services. “I am thankful for the motivation I receive from my peers. I have been blessed to work with great people throughout my career to help guide me to this point. One of my biggest future goals is to assist others in achieving success,” said Barger.

This professional designation is valid for three years. Maintaining the designation requires recipients to show continued growth in the areas of professional development, professional contributions, active association membership and community involvement as well as adhere to a strict code of professional conduct.

The Commission on Professional Credentialing, an entity of the Center for Public Safety Excellence Inc., (CPSE) administers the Fire Officer Designation Program. The CPC consists of individuals from academia, federal and local government, and the fire and emergency medical services profession.

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