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## **WINTER PARK FIRE-RESCUE OFFICERS AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS DESIGNATION**

**WINTER PARK, Fla., an internationally recognized ICMA Excellence Award winner (September 18, 2009)** – Winter Park Fire-Rescue Assistant Chief Brian Dean and Captain Jimm Walsh have been awarded the designation of “Chief Fire Officer” (CFO) by the Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC). Both gentlemen were recognized for their accomplishments in August at the Center for Public Safety Excellence awards ceremony in Dallas, Texas.

Assistant Chief Dean was awarded the designation for a second term and Captain Walsh was awarded the designation for the first term. Dean was first designated as CFO in 2006, and was one of only 500 leaders in the fire service to be awarded this prestigious designation. Assistant Chief Dean and Captain Walsh are now two of only 660 CFOs nationwide.

The CPC uses a comprehensive peer review model to evaluate candidates seeking the credential and only awards the CFO designation after an individual successfully meets all of the organization’s stringent criteria. This process includes an assessment of the applicant’s education, experience, professional development, technical competencies, contributions to the profession and community involvement. The designation is valid for three years. To maintain the designation, individuals must show they have continued to develop as a CFO in four areas including professional development, professional contributions, professional memberships and affiliations, and community involvement.

For additional information regarding the CPC, please visit [www.publicsafetyexcellence.org](http://www.publicsafetyexcellence.org)

For additional information regarding the City of Winter Park, please visit the city’s official Web site at [www.cityofwinterpark.org](http://www.cityofwinterpark.org).

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