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Two Local Fire Marshal's Receive International Professional Designation

Clay Township, IN – Clay Fire Territory Fire Marshal Dave Cherrone and Deputy Fire Marshal Ron Melser Jr. have successfully been awarded with the professional designation of “Fire Marshal” by the Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC). The CPC met on July 8, 2014 to officially confer the designation upon Cherrone and Melser. Cherrone and Melser are two of only 81 credentialed Fire Marshals worldwide, and two of only four designated Fire Marshals within the State of Indiana.

The CPC awards the Fire Marshal designation only after an individual successfully meets all of the organization's stringent criteria. The process includes an assessment of the applicant's education, experience, professional development, technical competencies, contributions to the profession, and community involvement. The Fire Marshal designation program uses a comprehensive peer review model to evaluate candidates seeking the credential.

According to Clay Fire Chief Timm Schabbel, “We are extremely proud of both of these individuals for achieving this elite designation. They are both highly engaged professionals who have devoted their lives to keeping our communities safe. To see their efforts recognized on a national level lends undeniable validation to our long-standing belief that both Cherrone and Melser represent the finest in the fire service.”

The Commission on Professional Credentialing, an entity of the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc., (CPSE) administers the Fire Marshal Designation Program. The CPC consists of individuals from academia, federal and local government, and the fire and emergency medical services profession. To learn more about CPC, visit www.publicsafetyexcellence.org.

Fire Marshal Dave Cherrone has been a member of Clay Fire Territory for 40+ years and Ron Melser Jr. has been a member of Clay Fire Territory for 16+ years.

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