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HFD Deputy Chief Morris Achieves National Designation

HARRISONBURG, Va. – Steve Morris, a 23-year veteran of the Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) and current HFD Deputy Chief of Operations, has earned the prestigious designation of *Chief Fire Officer* (CFO) conferred by the Commission on Professional Credentialing. Morris is one of only 1,594 designees worldwide.

The CPC, a division of the Center for Public Safety Excellence, awards the CFO designation after an individual successfully meets all 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. Using a comprehensive peer review model, candidates are evaluated to ensure they possess the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities required for the fire and rescue emergency services profession.



HFD Deputy Chief Steve Morris.

"Chief Morris is an extraordinary person. His designation as a CFO is a demonstration of his commitment to lifelong learning and professional development," Fire Chief Matthew Tobia said. "It is a true privilege to work beside him."

Chief Morris holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Columbia Southern University and Master of Science degree from Liberty University. He has successfully completed the competitive and challenging Executive Fire Officer program offered through the National Fire Academy, a division of the United States Fire Administration. He also is an adjunct instructor for the Virginia Department of Fire Programs. Chief Morris oversees the day-to-day operations of HFD's four fire stations, including assigned personnel, and manages the Department's fleet program.

The Harrisonburg Fire Department is an ISO-Class II All-Hazards agency providing essential emergency and non-emergency life safety services to the public who live, work and travel in Harrisonburg. More information about the Fire Department is available on-line at www.harrisonburgva.gov/fire or on Facebook®, Twitter® and Instagram®.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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