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Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical reaccredited

(Lawrence, Kan.) – The Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Department was unanimously awarded Reaccredited Agency Status by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) at the Center for Public Safety Excellence hearing in Henderson, Nevada on March 5, 2013. The department is one of only 167 agencies worldwide to obtain CFAI Accredited Status.

Chief Mark Bradford reports that this accomplishment culminates a multi-year effort department effort to remain an accredited agency. Bradford says “The entire department has played a vital role in achieving this prestigious award and demonstrates the City’s commitment to provide progressive, high quality emergency services to our community.” The department wishes to recognize the many individuals that participated in various roles and especially Division Chief Bill Stark for his dedication and commitment to this important project.

Though this is the second accreditation process the work continues now that reaccredited status has been reached. The Fire Medical department must continually evaluate and improve the processes being used to deliver programs and services to the community. To maintain accredited agency status an Annual Compliance Report is submitted to CFAI. It is imperative that the Department’s Strategic Plan and Standard of Cover document remain current. An accreditation working group has been established with the responsibility of monitoring and evaluating Fire Medical Activities.

The CFAI is dedicated to assisting the fire and emergency service agencies throughout the world in achieving excellence through self-assessment and accreditation in order to provide continuous quality improvement and enhancement of service delivery to their communities. The CFAI process is voluntary and provides an agency with an improvement model to assess their service delivery and performance internally and then with a team of peer members from other agencies to evaluate their completed self-assessment.

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