



GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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Greenfield Township - Fire Chief Re-Certifies

Greenfield Twp, PA 10/15/08 - The Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company announced today that the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) International Fire Service Accreditation Council has re-certified Fire Chief Fred Bales as a Certified Fire Protection Specialist. The purpose of the Certified Fire Protection Specialist designation is to recognize through certification, qualified individuals who are dedicated to curtailing fire loss, both physical and financial, and who have acquired a level of professionalism through applied work experiences and related education opportunities, and through successful completion of a certification examination. Re-certification is required every three years, as a method to ensure fire service professional remain current with technology and trends in loss prevention.

CFPS certification has been awarded to roughly 1,000 professionals and is internationally recognized as a mark of achievement within the fire protection field. This group of professionals includes risk managers, loss control specialists, fire officers, fire marshals, fire inspectors, safety managers, fire protection consultants, designers, code enforcers, loss prevention professionals, building code officials, commercial real estate managers and others who have responsibilities dealing with the application of fire safety, fire protection, prevention, and suppression technologies.

Chief Bales is a 30-year veteran of the fire service, currently serving as Greenfield Township Fire Chief. Chief Bales is the Fire Protection Manger for Engineering and Safety services, division of the Insurance Services Offices (ISO). He serves as a Local Level Instructor for Bucks County Community College. In addition to this the CFPS designation, which originally was awarded in 1998, Chief Bales holds more than 30 separate certifications in the fire and emergency service field.

To date, Greenfield Township Fire Fighters hold a number of national certifications including all of those listed above. The *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Voluntary Fire Fighter Certification Program* was created by Act 112 of 1989, and amended by Act 61 of 1995. Commonwealth emergency responders, 18 years of age or older have an opportunity to participate in and be recognized as a certified fire professional at various levels in accordance with nationally recognized and sanctioned professional qualification standards.

Greenfield was the first department in Pennsylvania recognized under the State Fire Commissioners Voluntary Certification Recognized Program and recently received recognition for certifying 100 percent of its fire fighters.