**YORK AREA UNITED FIRE AND RESCUE**

***Office of the Fire Chief***

Daniel J. Hoff, Fire Chief

# MEDIA RELEASE

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**York Area United Fire and Rescue is Awarded International Accredited Status**
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York Area United Fire and Rescue, serving Manchester, Spring Garden and Springettsbury Townships in York County, PA has received Accredited Agency status with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) for meeting the criteria established through the CFAI's voluntary self-assessment and accreditation program. York Area United Fire and Rescue is one of only 334 agencies to achieve Internationally Accredited agency status with the CFAI and the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc. (CPSE)

With this award, York Area United Fire and Rescue becomes only the fourth fire department in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to achieve such a milestone.

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

Fire Chief Daniel Hoff stated that the agency's achievement of Accredited Agency status "demonstrates the commitment of our agency to provide the highest quality of service to our community." Accreditation Manager, Battalion Chief Joe Madzelan added, "We have also been able to use the Commission on Fire Accreditation International's process as a proactive mechanism to plan for the future of this agency and locate areas where we can improve the quality of services we provide."

In the recommendation from the Peer Assessment Team Leader for CFAI, it was noted that York Area United Fire and Rescue exhibited a positive workplace culture and high levels of motivation for continuous improvement.

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YAUFR Commission Chairperson Debra McCune participated in the accreditation hearing and praised the accreditation team, as well as the entire organization, for their commitment to the citizens and businesses which YAUFR serves.

The initial accreditation recognition is effective for five years, during which time annual reporting will be required to demonstrate continuous improvement regarding Peer Assessment Team recommendations. In addition to annual reporting, YAUFR will undergo a second Peer Assessment Team visit and recommendation prior to applying for re-accreditation at the end of the initial five-year period.

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