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## **LaGrange Fire Department Honored at City Council Meeting**

**LaGrange, Ga. August 16, 2018** – The LaGrange Fire Department was honored Tuesday night by the LaGrange Mayor and City Council Tuesday night.



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LFD received Accredited Agency status with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) earlier in the month for meeting the criteria established through the CFAI's voluntary self-assessment and accreditation program.

Only 250 out of nearly 30,000 fire departments in the nation receive this accreditation. LaGrange is the 10<sup>th</sup> fire department in Georgia to receive the honor.

Agency accreditation is a voluntary process. According to the CFAI, accreditation shows the agency is performing to industry best practices and is holding itself accountable through an external peer review.

“I’m extremely proud of the women and men of the Lagrange Fire Department,” said City of LaGrange Public Safety Director Lou Dekmar.

“Their hard work and commitment to excellence is reflected in this outstanding achievement.”



*Pictured from left to right: LaGrange City Council Member Nathan Gaskin, Deputy Chief Willie Bradfield, Deputy Chief John Brant, City Manager Meg Kelsey, Public Safety Director Lou Dekmar, Accreditation Manager Mike Webb, Deputy Chief Phillip Rice, & Dep*

LFD started this process more than five years ago and on Wednesday received accreditation.

“There are only a handful of agencies in the nation that receive this accreditation,” said City Manager Meg Kelsey.

“I am extremely proud of the men and women in the fire department for their hard work and commitment in obtaining

accreditation. The city is committed to excellence in public safety.”

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 the enhancement of service delivery to their communities.



*LFD Deputy Chief John Brant and Deputy Phillip Rice speak before the City Council*

Sgt. Mike Webb is the LFD Accreditation Manager and is proud the department achieved this status.

“Being approved for accreditation by the CFAI commission is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the men and women of the LaGrange Fire Department,” said Webb.

“This is not the end of our journey to excellence. This is just the beginning.”

For more information on CFAI accreditation go to <https://cpse.org/accreditation/>

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