

St. Lucie County Fire District News Release

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Duran Awarded “Chief Fire Officer” by the Center for Public Safety Excellence

St. Lucie County Assistant Fire Chief Completes International Professional Designation Process

St. Lucie County, FL – St. Lucie County Assistant Fire Chief Carlos Duran has successfully completed the process that awards him the professional designation of “Chief Fire Officer” (CFO). The Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) met on March 9, 2010 to officially confer the designation upon Chief Duran. Chief Duran is one of only 680 CFO’s worldwide.

The CPC awards the CFO designation only after an individual successfully meets all of 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. In addition, all applicants are required to identify a future professional development plan.

“Chief Duran has been such an asset to the community and the District. He has a rich knowledge of the emergency services profession and has far surpassed critical core competencies for personnel serving in senior fire officer positions,” said Ron Parrish, Fire Chief of the St. Lucie County Fire District.

The CFO designation program uses a comprehensive peer review model to evaluate candidates seeking the credential.

Currently Chief Duran manages the Operations Division which includes: Fire and EMS operations, Fire Prevention, Communications Division, Training and Safety Division, Buildings and Grounds, Public Education, Special Operation Team and the Air Medical Program. Other responsibilities include: planning and organizing, budget, staffing, development of policy and procedures, and coordination with other county, state, and federal agencies.

The Commission on Professional Credentialing, an entity of the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc., (CPSE) administers the CFO Designation Program. The CPC consists of individuals from academia, federal and local government, and the fire and emergency medical services profession. To learn more about CPC, visit www.publicsafetyexcellence.org.

Chief Duran has been with the St. Lucie County Fire District (SLCFD) since 1984. Duran received his Masters in Public Administration from NOVA Southeastern University in June 2009. He is a 2006 graduate of the Executive Fire Officer program at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Management in 2001 from Warner Southern University.