

# McKinney Fire Department

Center for Public Safety Excellence  
Commission on Fire Accreditation International



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- **Concept began in 1986 (IAFC and ICMA)  
(Related) Texas Fire Chief's Association Best Practices as  
preparation**
- **Non profit 501 (C)(3)**
- **Professional credentialing for Fire Departments and Chief  
Officers**
- **Expanded in scope to include other areas of public safety**



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- Improve organizational performance and potential ISO rating
- Reduce organizational risk
  - ✓ Define fire risk and hazards
  - ✓ Define community vulnerabilities
  - ✓ Develop comprehensive plans to address issues
- Enhance budget management and “bottom-line”



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- The process:
  - Evaluates performance based on industry benchmarks
  - Identifies specific strengths and weaknesses for on-going development.
  - Creates a response coverage model or Standard of Cover for resource allocation and deployment
  - Long term strategic plan
  - Justification of expenditures



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## Cost and expenditures:

- Typically takes 18 months
- Initial full time Accreditation Manager, then maintenance
- Initial fee at contract - \$7.7K for application; \$7.5K for site visit
- Annual fee - \$1.5K
- Re-accred. every 5 years (on-going daily process)



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## Conclusion:

### The value of Fire Service Accreditation includes:

- Determine community risk and safety needs.
- Evaluate the performance of the department.
- Establish a method for achieving continuous organizational improvement and professional development.

