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For immediate **PRESS release:**

Stoney Point Fire Department is Awarded International Reccreditation Status

As a result of an extremely dedicated volunteer membership and a committed staff the Stoney Point Volunteer Fire Department has received Re-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. The Stoney Point Volunteer Fire Department is one of more than 200 agencies to achieve international Accredited Agency status with the CFAI and the Center of Public Safety Excellence, Inc. (CPSE). Particularly noteworthy is the fact the Stoney Point Volunteer Fire Department is currently only one of two accredited Volunteer Fire Departments in our nation.

Stoney Point the 14th N.C Fire Department to achieve Accredited Agency Status joins the following 20 North Carolina Accredited Agency Status Departments. Asheville Fire Department, Camp Lejeune Fire & Emergency Services Division, Cary Fire Department, Charlotte Fire Department, Cherry Point Fire & Emergency Services, City of Rocky Mount Fire Department, Durham Fire Department, Fayetteville Fire/Emergency Management, Fort Bragg Fire and Emergency Services, Gastonia Fire Department, Greensboro Fire Department, High Point Fire Department, Jacksonville Fire & Emergency Services, Monroe Fire Department, Morrisville Fire/Rescue Department, Shelby Fire & Rescue Department, Statesville Fire/Rescue, Village of Pinehurst Fire Department, Wilmington Fire Department and Wilson Fire/Rescue Services.

CFAI is dedicated to assisting the fire and emergency services 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. The CFAI process is voluntary, and 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 evaluate their completed self-assessment.

Stoney Point Board Vice Chairman Larry Townsend stated that the agency's achievement of Accredited Agency status "demonstrates the commitment of the agency to provide the highest quality of service to our community." Fire Chief Freddy Johnson Sr. said "We have been able to use the Commission of Fire Accreditation International's process as a proactive mechanism to plan for the future of our agency and locate areas where we can improve on the quality of the services we provided."

The Stoney Point Volunteer Fire Department was first accredited in 2012 and has continually updated their community risk and safety needs while maintaining our community specific Standards of Cover. We continually evaluate our department's performance through our annual Strategic Planning and goals which addresses continuous organizational improvement.

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