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Battalion Chief Michael Williams Selected for National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program

The Lakeland Fire Department is proud to announce that one of its Battalion Chiefs, Michael Williams, was selected for the National Fire Academy's prestigious Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program. The program begins in early 2018.

Battalion Chief Williams' selection is significant because the program is highly competitive, as only the fire chief of a department, chief officers, or battalion chiefs of a metro-sized fire department are accepted. The program is widely accepted as one of the most well-respected and reputable development programs for fire service leaders and successful completion of the four-year program is reserved to a select few within the fire service because of its rigorous nature. Fire service leaders from the largest and most respected fire departments in the country are often graduates of the EFO program.

This is a reflection of the quality of the men and women that make up the Lakeland Fire Department. Professional development opportunities like these translate into better service and care for the citizenry LFD serves.

You can learn more about Battalion Chief Michael Williams at www.lakelandgov.net/LakelandFD > About.

You can learn more about the Executive Fire Officer Program at <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/programs/efop.html>.

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