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Assistant Chief Doug Riley Selected for International Association of Fire Chiefs 2018 Fire Service Executive Development Institute

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) announced that Doug Riley, Assistant Chief of Operations at the Lakeland Fire Department, has been accepted into the Fire Service Executive Development Institute (FSEDI). Chief Riley competed with hundreds of new fire chiefs and chief officers from across the country to become a member of the highly competitive and prestigious 2018 cohort program. Along with being accepted into the program Chief Riley has been awarded a scholarship which covers the expenses for attending the program.

Douglas Riley was hired as a firefighter at the department in March of 1987. Throughout his career he has held the positions of Driver/Engineer (March 1992), Fire Lieutenant (January 1995), Battalion Chief (June 2004) and most recently Assistant Chief of Operations, which he has served as since January 2010.

This is the sixth year that the Motorola Solutions Foundation has provided the IAFC with a grant to fund the program. "Motorola Solutions Foundation recognizes the how these challenging times require a new breed of leader to head our local fire departments and national fire service", said Matt Blakely, Executive Director of Motorola Solutions Foundation. "We're proud to help support the education of these leaders to ensure they have the skills necessary to meet these complex and emerging issues confronting our communities." The Fire Service Executive Development Institute is a year-long leadership-development program created and implemented by the IAFC to provide new and aspiring chiefs with the tools they need to have successful and productive tenures. The members of the cohort will meet in December, 2017, for their first 6-day session in addition to 2 other sessions scheduled six months apart. The group will communicate between sessions using an online community.

"The IAFC is most pleased to be able to provide career- and leadership-development opportunities to the individuals selected for the program," said Chief Thomas Jenkins, IAFC president and chairman of the board. "The program has become the premier development piece for chief officers transitioning to fire chief roles. Many officers from the previous programs have been successful in achieving fire chief positions and effectively leading their departments."

To learn more about the program, IAFC, and the Motorola Solutions Foundation visit www.iafc.org/press-releases .

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