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**37 Fire Service Leaders Graduate from Management Training Program**

*Multifaceted Course Supports Professional Development for Chiefs and Rising Officers*

STOW—More than three dozen fire service leaders from across Massachusetts graduated today from the 28<sup>th</sup> class of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy’s Chief Fire Officer Management Training Program.

The four-month program for new chief officers and chief officer candidates is delivered jointly by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and the University of Massachusetts Edward J. Collins Jr. Center for Public Management. Through classroom instruction and out-of-class assignments, the course delivers intensive training in the non-fire suppression aspects of managing a municipal fire department.

“The Chief Fire Officer program is a tremendous opportunity for new chiefs and rising officers,” said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey, who graduated from the program in 2002. “The rigorous instruction in such a wide variety of topics will help these graduates provide the leadership that their departments and communities deserve. Completing the program is a major accomplishment and I want to congratulate them on their initiative and dedication to professional development.”

The Chief Fire Officer Management Training Program covers a spectrum of topics considered essential for effective public sector management. It includes human resource management, ethics, executive leadership, governmental and organization structures, information management, customer-focused strategic planning, legal issues, budgets and public finance, community awareness, and labor relations. The curriculum helps fire officers improve their ability to lead and manage personnel, understand employees’ needs and problems, communicate effectively to a variety of audiences, and leverage inter-agency cooperation. The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, a division of the Department of Fire Services, offers this program tuition-free.

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The 2022-2023 graduating class was drawn from the fire departments of Acushnet, Barnstable, Belmont, Billerica, Bridgewater, Chelsea, Easthampton, Everett, Fitchburg, Framingham, Grafton, Granby, Halifax, Hanover, Holyoke, Hyannis, Ipswich, Lakeville, Maynard, Medway, Methuen, New Bedford, Newton, North Andover, North Attleboro, Oakham, Palmer, Pelham, Russell, Seekonk, Sturbridge, Tewksbury, Three Rivers, Truro, West Brookfield, Westport, and Worcester, where its members serve as chiefs, deputy chiefs, and captains.

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**Graduates:**

Deputy Chief Daniel Baldwin	Westport Fire Department
Chief Christopher Beal	Barnstable Fire Department
Deputy Chief Kevin Benson	Easthampton Fire Department
Chief William Bernat	Palmer Fire Department
Deputy Chief Michael Caddell	Newton Fire Department
Chief Christopher Coleman	North Attleboro Fire Department
Chief Timothy Collins	Truro Fire Department
Captain Jeffrey Cuzzo	Halifax Fire Department
Chief David DeStefano	Belmont Fire Department
Chief Michael Dutcher	Framingham Fire Department
Chief Thomas Farland	Acushnet Fire & EMS Department
Deputy Chief Michael Fasolino	Medway Fire Department
Deputy Chief Frederick Freeman	Hanover Fire Department
Deputy Chief Paul Guttadauro	Tewksbury Fire Department
Chief Timothy Howe	Oakham Fire Department
Chief John Kadlewicz	Holyoke Fire Department
Deputy Chief Stephen Kennedy	Billerica Fire Department
Chief Richard Lapierre	West Brookfield Fire Department
Captain Angela Lawless	Maynard Fire Department
Deputy Chief Sabato LoRusso	Everett Fire Department
Chief Sandra Lowery	Seekonk Fire Department
Deputy Chief David Martell	Sturbridge Fire Department
Chief Eric Mathieu	Grafton Fire Department
Deputy Chief Edward McGarry	Chelsea Fire Department
Deputy Chief Brian Medeiros	New Bedford Fire Department
Chief Dennis Nazzaro	Pelham Fire Department
Chief Michael O'Brien	Lakeville Fire Department
Chief Michael O'Neill	Granby Fire Department
Deputy Chief Lee Prentiss	Ipswich Fire Department
Chief Edward Renauld	Russell Fire Department
Deputy Chief Adam Roche	Worcester Fire Department
Deputy Chief Graham Rowe	North Andover Fire Department
Deputy Chief John Schlatz	Bridgewater Fire Department
Deputy Chief Mark Storie	Hyannis Fire Department
Chief Dante Suarez	Fitchburg Fire Department
Deputy Chief David Toto	Methuen Fire Department
Chief Scott Turner	Three Rivers Fire Department