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#### Awards and Distinctions

All America City Finalist

American Public Works Association  
(APWA) Accreditation

Center for Public Safety Excellence  
(CPSE)

Gold Level Clean Air Counts  
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Governor's Hometown Award

Government Finance Officers  
Association Budget Award

Government Finance Officers  
Association Certificate of  
Achievement for Excellence in  
Financial Reporting

Illinois Law Enforcement  
Accreditation (ILEAP)

Insurance Services Office (ISO)  
Class One Fire Department

State of Illinois Certified Health  
Department

Tree City U.S.A. Distinction

# Village of Skokie

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## **For Immediate Release** **Public Information Division**

### **The Skokie Fire Department is Awarded International Accreditation Status**

The Skokie Fire Department has received 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 Skokie Fire Department is one of more than 200 agencies to achieve Internationally Accredited Agency status with the CFAI and the Center for Public Safety.

Skokie was first CFAI accredited in 2001 and, in 1995 achieved a Class 1 rating for the Insurance Services Office.

CFAI is dedicated to assisting fire and emergency service agencies throughout the world in achieving excellence through self-assessment and accreditation 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, after which they work with a team of peers from other agencies to evaluate their completed self-assessment.

"Achieving Accredited Agency status helps the Skokie Fire Department determine the risk and safety needs of the community", said acting Fire Chief Ken Borre. "We use this process internally to evaluate the performance and efficiency of the Skokie Fire Department. This self-assessment tool works well for our department in achieving continuous organization improvement with industry best practices."

The process in achieving Accreditation through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International is an ongoing process with a comprehensive review by a peer assessment team every four years. This year marked the department's fourth time receiving this prestigious designation. Staff and several members of the department work together throughout the year to achieve and maintain this status, although all of the Skokie Fire Department's personnel work hard each and every day to carry out this mission as they serve the community.

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