



Benefits of Accreditation

Credibility is a vital part of a professional work force. Accreditation is a comprehensive self-assessment and evaluation that allows organizations to examine and compare their performance to industry best practices in order to:

- Determine risk and safety needs for their community
- Evaluate department performance
- Establish methods for achieving continuous improvement

Any agency can become accredited once they follow the four steps of the accreditation process. Accreditation is handled by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI), an entity under CPSE.

Accreditation through CPSE can help an agency maintain credibility in the fire and emergency services profession. Here are some of the benefits to receiving this distinction.

Accreditation

- Encourages continuous quality improvement
- Assures stakeholders and the public the organization has objectives that meet the needs for their community
- Provides a detailed evaluation of services
- Identifies strengths and weaknesses
- Creates methods to not only address areas of concern but also to build success
- Encourages professional growth
- Provides an opportunity for communication of organizational priorities
- National recognition
- Creates a method for developing or revamping strategic plans

Accreditation results include: development of planning documents, tools in the budgeting process, and a basis for justifying programs and services. Additionally, the process of accreditation can assist in improving a department, its services, and its vision.

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