

Chatham Fire Captain Michael Mason completes prestigious Managing Officer Program

Chatham County Fire Department Captain Michael Mason has successfully completed the Managing Officer Program through the National Fire Academy. This is an instructional entity within the U. S. Fire Administration.

This multiyear, intensive curriculum introduces emerging emergency services leaders to personal and professional skills in change management, risk reduction and adaptive leadership. The Managing Officer Program goals are to promote and enhance the professional growth of fire service leadership while preparing future leaders through a combination of education and linking people and ideas.

The program is offered to midlevel officers and supervisors in fire and emergency service organizations. Candidates were required to possess an associate degree from an accredited institution of higher education or have earned a minimum of 60 college credit hours toward the completion of a bachelor's degree from a nationally or regionally accredited institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

“Attending the program alongside firefighters from across the nation fostered invaluable exchanges and provided insights from seasoned leaders. The courses not only strengthen our commitment to safety and service but also empower us to lead with greater confidence,” said Mason.

The EFO Program is the pinnacle of the U.S. Fire Administration's commitment to support the needs of fire and EMS agencies in preparing executive officers to meet the ever-changing demands of the dynamic communities in which they serve.

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Captain Mason has a tenure of 24 years in the fire service and has been with Chatham Fire for 11 years. He is the first Chatham County Fire officer to achieve this esteemed designation.