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Gabriel Elected President of Idaho Fire Chiefs Association

Coeur d'Alene Fire Chief Kenny Gabriel was recently elected to serve as President of the Idaho Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) at their Pocatello Conference.

As president, Gabriel will represent fire departments across Idaho. The primary objective of IFCA is to improve career and voluntary emergency services through leadership, collaboration, education, safety, information, and representation. Its mission is to provide and enhance leadership to career, volunteer, and emergency services in Idaho. The president's term is for two years.

Gabriel's election to this prestigious position reflects his outstanding reputation in his various capacities as Chief of the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department and as past president of the North Idaho Fire Chiefs Association. He was also instrumental in securing the partnership with North Idaho College to start the **Firefighter I** and **EMT** programs.

Gabriel has been Coeur d'Alene's Fire Chief since 2000. During his tenure, the department's performance has improved the city's overall insurance rating, call times have decreased, and fire department facilities have been added and improved. For more information, please contact Deputy Fire Chief Glenn Lauper at 769-2340 or 659-4256.

