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The Barberton Fire Department is proud to recognize and congratulate Lt. Michael Beckman for achieving credentialing as a Fire Officer through the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE). The CPSE is a nationally recognized fire department accreditation and fire officer credentialing organization. The mission of CPSE is to lead the fire and emergency service to excellence through the continuous quality improvement process of accreditation, credentialing and education.

Credentialing is a professional designation that recognizes career excellence and offers strategies for continuous personal improvement. The CPSE offers five distinct designations covering the various levels and specialties of fire officers. Credentialing looks at the "whole officer", focusing on seven components that cover the span of an officer's experience.

- Education
- Experience
- Professional Development (training and certifications)
- Professional Contributions and Recognitions
- Professional Memberships and Affiliations
- Technical Competence (depending on the credential, 7 to 20 different competencies)
- Community Involvement

Lt. Beckman is one of twenty-two other fire officers in the State of Ohio to receive this designation.