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## **Methuen Fire Chief David A. Toto Receives Accreditation Through the Massachusetts Fire Services Commission**

The Massachusetts Fire Service Commission granted accreditation to Chief David A. Toto of the Methuen Fire Department on Thursday, November 13, 2025. Chief Toto has demonstrated the required fire service experience, education, and certifications for accreditation.

This accreditation is granted through the Massachusetts Fire Service Commission, a gubernatorial appointed board that has established a process for uniform credentialing for the level of fire chief. Belchertown Fire Chief John S. Ingram, who serves as chair of the commission says, “The program establishes requirements based on education, training, and experience in areas relevant to serving as fire chief. It establishes benchmarks for training in fire and emergency service management so that chiefs may be better prepared to serve their department and their community.” The applicant’s documentation is reviewed by a subcommittee of the Massachusetts Fire Service Commission to determine if the individual has attained a minimum level of credits for education, training, and experience.

State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine said, “This program allows chief officers to document their efforts to develop and maintain the skills to be an effective leader and manager in today’s fire service. The process provides an equal opportunity for the volunteer, call, or full-time fire service leader to meet the minimum criteria for achieving fire chief accreditation.” Chief Toto added, “I am dedicated to providing the highest level of service to the people of Methuen and have worked hard to continue my education and experience to bring a high level of professionalism to this position. I appreciate that this accomplishment recognizes my dedication to be the best fire service leader I can be for our department and city.”

Credentialed participants will be required to renew their credentials every three years. The program is open to all members of the fire service in the Commonwealth serving as chief of department. Additionally, any person holding the rank of Lieutenant or above in that department is also eligible to apply for credentialing. Participation in this program is voluntary and all eligible personnel are encouraged to participate.

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