



## Cedar Professional Fire Fighters Local 4953

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TO: The Board of Cedar Area Fire and Rescue

RE: Recognition of Department Advances

By means of this letter, the members of IAFF Cedar Professional Firefighters Local 4953 – representing all full-time suppression personnel employed by Cedar Area Fire and Rescue (CAFR) – hereby recognize the exceptional advancements made by this department during the tenure of Chief Christopher Comeaux. This progress is the result of the collaborative efforts and mutual support of this Fire Board, Chief Comeaux (ret.), Interim Chief Doornbos, the full-time suppression crews, and administrative personnel.

During the past three years, CAFR has advanced the provision of high-quality service to our community while improving the safety and effectiveness of our agency via the following equipment acquisitions and accomplishments:

- Ford F-150 Command Vehicle (801)
- Ford F-250 Brush Truck (841)
- Ford F-450 PL Custom Ambulance (891)
- Pierce Saber Fire Engine (811)
- Hurst eDraulic Extrication Tools
- New Scott SCBA Airpacks and Bottles
- Stabilization of department administration and finances
- Securing increased millages from all four townships in our service area
- Preparing the groundwork for the transition to Advanced Life Support and three-person suppression crews

While all the CAFR associates listed above contributed to these and other improvements, Chief Comeaux and the Fire Board deserve special recognition for their collective vision and tireless work towards achieving these accomplishments. As a result of this leadership and our mutual efforts, CAFR is increasingly recognized by neighboring agencies as an emerging leader in the fire service in and around Leelanau County. Furthermore, we have built a stronger department

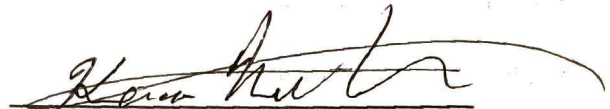
despite numerous significant challenges during this time, including pre-existing budget deficits, employee turnover, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The members of IAFF Local 4953 are united in extending our congratulations to all those involved in improving our fire department. This union and its members look forward to continuing to work alongside Interim Chief Doornbos and the CAFR Fire Board towards our mutual goals of providing professional, high-quality firefighting and EMS services to the people of Solon, Kasson, Cleveland, and Centerville townships by cementing and building on the strong foundation of this department.

Sincerely,



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