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**TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE CHIEF TO LEAVE FOR NEW CAREER**

**TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (2/2/16)** – Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman has announced his resignation to take a new job in the private sector.

Chapman, 41, has been hired as president and CEO of Ten-8 Fire Equipment, Inc. in Bradenton. The company is a major distributor of emergency apparatus and equipment in Florida and Georgia.

Chapman has served the Temple Terrace Fire Department for 20 years. He joined the department as a full-time firefighter and paramedic in 1996, after three years as a volunteer. In 2006, he was appointed assistant fire chief, and in 2007 he became fire chief.

As assistant fire chief, Chapman was instrumental in the fire department's accreditation initiative. In 2006, the Temple Terrace Fire Department became internationally accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI), a program of the Virginia-based Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc. The department has continued to maintain accreditation status throughout Chapman's tenure as fire chief.

In 2014, the department attained a Class I Fire Suppression Rating, which insurance companies often consider in factoring property fire insurance rates. The rating put Temple Terrace in the one-percentile of agencies throughout America, officials said. Fewer than 20 fire departments in the country are both nationally accredited and have an ISO Class I rating, records show.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my career at the Temple Terrace Fire Department," Chapman said. "I am blessed to have served with driven professionals who provide excellent service to our community. I am also very excited about the opportunity to work with the team at Ten-8 Fire Equipment. Ten-8 is a very successful company whose values parallel my own."

Chapman begins his new job May 1, 2016.

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