

For immediate release – Statement in Support of Providence Fire Chief

Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs Back Actions of Providence Fire Chief George Farrell

Providence, RI – February 1, 2008 – The Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs (RIAFC) today demonstrated its support for Providence Fire Chief George Farrell in light of the recent battle with the Providence firefighters union.

“Chief Farrell has demonstrated tremendous dedication to the fire service community in Rhode Island throughout his career,” said RIAFC President Chief Timothy McLaughlin. “His commitment has always been to all members of the fire service, striving toward the highest standards for all firefighters whether on behalf of the union, at the state level or as chief.

“We support Chief Farrell in his efforts to improve the Providence Fire Department and applaud his efforts to work with all parties.”

Chief Farrell has served as president of the International Association of Firefighters Local 799, a member of the Fire Code Board of Appeal and Review, and as Rhode Island State Fire Marshal.

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