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**Acton Fire Deputy Chief Christopher Sammet
Graduates from Chief Fire Officer Management
Training Program**



From left: Deputy State Director Marshal Maribel Fournier, Acton Deputy Chief Christopher Sammet, UMass Collins Center Coordinator Mary Accardi and Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts First Vice President and Westborough Fire Chief Patrick Purcell at the Chief Fire Officer Management Training Program graduation. (Photo Courtesy Acton Fire Department)

ACTON — Chief Anita Arnum would like to congratulate Deputy Chief Christopher Sammet on graduating from the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) Management Training Program on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, Deputy Chief Sammet was one of 37 Fire Service leaders across the state to graduate from the 30th Chief Fire Officer Management Training Program at the Department of Fire Services (DFS) in Stow.

The program, presented in partnership between the DFS and the University of Massachusetts's Edward J. Collins Jr. Center for Public Management, is designed to provide new chief officers with a variety of leadership and management skills essential in municipal management. The program is a competitive, highly demanding capstone course in the overall Fire Officer training track.

The program combines classroom instruction, out-of-class assignments, and student presentations over four months. Through these methods, attendees learn about essential topics for effective public sector management, including human resource management, ethics, executive leadership, governmental and organization structures, information management, customer-focused strategic planning, legal issues, budgets and public finance, community awareness, and labor relations.

Deputy Chief Sammet has been with the Acton Fire Department for 26 years. During his time with the Department, he assisted in the start-up of the Advanced Life Support program. He also assists with the design and logistics of purchasing new ambulances for the Town.

He was also involved in reviewing the plan for the fire station in North Acton when it was constructed in 2022 and served as the Department's Fire representative on the Town's Kelley's Corner Working Group, which allowed for significant improvements to roadways at a major intersection.

Deputy Chief Sammet will use his Chief Fire Officer Management training to continue to advance the Department's capabilities to respond to and mitigate emergencies efficiently and effectively.

"On behalf of the Acton Fire Department, I would like to congratulate Deputy Chief Sammet on this accomplishment," said Chief Arnum. "The rigorous training and leadership skills he has obtained while in this program will only further enhance the department's services and response within our community."

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A message from the Acton Fire Department

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