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CTIF AND THE METROPOLITAN FIRE CHIEFS: A NEW PARTNERSHIP

Walter Egger, president of the international association of fire and rescue services CTIF, and Chief Kelvin Cochran, chairman of the Metropolitan "Metro" Fire Chiefs Section, recently signed a memorandum of understanding to co-operatively advance the goals of their respective organizations through jointly agreed upon projects and programs.

The CTIF and Metro are active worldwide and share a common mission of improving the international fire service through the exchange of experience and information in the fields of fire protection, disaster relief and rescue. Both organizations regularly organize high-standard conferences and meetings to discuss current fire fighting and rescue issues such as emergency preparedness, tunnel safety, fire safety in hospitals, training in the fire service, the protection of the fire fighter in the 21st century, command and control and incident management systems, fire fighters health and safety, and much more. The CTIF-Metro partnership will undoubtedly result in the expansion of current projects while introducing new perspectives to each organization's members.

About the organizations: The CTIF has 48 member nations -represented by National Committees that consist of the fire fighters and rescue organizations within each country- and 27 associate members from the private and public sectors. The Metro membership is limited to the highest-ranking Chief Fire Officers of the largest fire departments in the United States and Canada as well as Chief Fire Officers from Australia, China, New Zealand, South Africa, and the United Kingdom. The common mission of both CTIF and Metro will be advanced through this new partnership.

More information on both organizations:

- ✓ <http://www.ctif.org>
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