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Meet Deputy Chief Christopher Cummings

Christopher Cummings, MEFCO III, joined the Bath Fire and Rescue Department in 2000 and was recently promoted to Deputy Chief. Ever since becoming a volunteer firefighter in high school, Chris has always known that firefighting was something he wanted to do. "It's an interesting and rewarding career," he said. "You get to help the public. That's why we all sign up."



As Deputy Chief, Chris is busy with the day-to-day operations of the department, but that doesn't mean that he's bound to the fire station. Chris responds to calls, works in tandem with the Codes Enforcement Office to correct violations, and leads public education events on fire safety.

As testament to his years of service and ongoing training, Chris is one of only a handful of firefighters in the state with a Maine Chief Fire Officer (MECFO) III designation from the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association. This honor places him at the top of his field, but he's not resting on his laurels – he's currently working to become a licensed Fire Inspector so that he can protect more properties from fires *before* they begin.

One of Chris's proudest moments as a firefighter occurred in March of 2014, when, just weeks after he had been promoted to Captain, a structure fire broke out on South Street in Bath. Chris and his crew were on site in minutes, and were able to save the lives of a father and son trapped on the third floor of the building. A proclamation from City Council hanging on the wall of the station attests to the crew's efforts, and thanks them on behalf of a grateful community.

"We have a talented group of people working here," Chris said. "On every call they're top notch, and it makes you very proud that you offer such a service in your community."

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