

Fire Chief

The Fire Chief is responsible for overseeing all operations within the fire department, including emergency response, fire prevention, and training programs. This position requires extensive experience in firefighting and administration, and the Fire Chief must ensure that the department is prepared for all types of emergencies while effectively managing resources and personnel. In addition to operational oversight, the Fire Chief also serves as a key representative of the fire department to the community, and other emergency services, ensuring effective communication and collaboration in service delivery.

Fire Chief Responsibilities & Duties

- Lead and manage the fire department's personnel and operations.
- Develop and implement fire prevention and safety programs.
- Ensure compliance with local, state, and federal fire regulations.
- Coordinate response to emergency incidents and provide effective disaster management.
- Participate in community outreach and fire safety education initiatives.
- Prepare and manage the department's resource allocation.
- Conduct performance evaluations and provide training for fire department staff.
- Develop and maintain relationships with other emergency services and organizations.
- Develop and maintain department SOP/SOG.
- Oversee the maintenance and operation of firefighting equipment and facilities.
- Conduct investigations into fire incidents and report findings.
- Prepare reports for Emergency Services District 4 regarding fire incidents and departmental performance.

Fire Chief Qualifications & Skills

- Bachelor's degree in fire science, public administration, or a related field, preferred.
- Advanced leadership training in emergency management.
- Experience in community engagement and public relations.
- Certification as a Fire Officer or Chief Fire Officer.
- Advanced medical certification such as EMT or paramedic., preferred.
- Experience in budget management and resource allocation.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Extensive experience in firefighting and emergency response.
- Proven leadership and management experience in a fire service environment.
- Knowledge of fire prevention and investigation techniques.
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to make quick decisions in high-pressure situations.
- Physical fitness to perform firefighting and rescue operations.
- Knowledge of applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.