

City of Champaign, Illinois

Fire Chief

The City of Champaign, Illinois is the tenth largest city in Illinois, having a growing population of 81,517 and a surrounding metro population of 135,054, is ideally located approximately two hour's drive from Chicago, Illinois, Indianapolis, Indiana and Saint Louis, Missouri. The City of Champaign is a progressive community seeking a highly skilled and educated Fire Chief. The successful candidate should possess exceptional interpersonal and leadership skills, along with progressive management experience in a fire service agency. The City of Champaign is home to the University of Illinois and is a diverse and vibrant college town community with many desirable amenities including excellent educational and cultural institutions, beautiful parks, an exceptional center city and assortment of activities generally associated with larger cities.

The Champaign Fire Department employs 99 sworn Firefighters, 13 full-time and civilian employees and operates with a \$17,537,436 million budget for 2014. The City of Champaign is known for having a professional Fire Department that provides fire suppression, fire prevention and exceptional Emergency Medical services by highly motivated, skilled and courteous Fire Department staff members. The Fire Chief reports to the City Manager.

The City is seeking candidates with strong leadership and communications skills who wish to join a professional executive management team. The City and Fire Department culture is customer and service oriented. Candidates must be committed to an open and inclusive management and leadership style and have a proven history of building successful partnerships within both their own and surrounding communities.

Candidates must possess a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science, Emergency Management, Business or Public Administration or other related field. Preference is to have a Master's Degree in the same fields. Candidates should also have at least ten years or more years experience in the fire service, preferably with five (5) or more years in a command position. Experience within a full-time fire department and working in a unionized environment preferred. Formal training, specialized education, and considerable experience in building and fire codes administration and building inspection, fire suppression command, emergency disaster services, including experience in the National Incident Management System, hazardous materials management, fire prevention education, or a related field is preferred. Previous experience working in a college or university community is preferred.

The annual salary range is \$117,000-\$137,000 DOQ. Applicants should apply by July 30, 2014 with resume, cover letter, and contact information for five (5) professional references to Heidi Voorhees or Jim Eaves at www.GovHRusa.com/current-positions/recruitment. Tel: 847-380-3240. Champaign Illinois is an Equal Opportunity Employer.