

CITY OF DENTON • TEXAS

Seeks a FIRE CHIEF

(Starting salary range negotiable and competitive from \$109K to \$162K DOQ with excellent benefits)

Denton (pop. 121,000) is a unique community, blending its historic past with a dynamic and high growth environment, coupled with a diversity to give it economic viability and strength. The historic downtown Courthouse Square is the heart of Denton; the Square and surrounding streets are vibrant and busy both day and night as a gathering place for commerce, civic events and entertainment. Located at the northern tip of a high growth area known as “The Golden Triangle” (formed by Denton, Fort Worth and Dallas), the City is a dynamic community whose rapid growth has affected its infrastructure as well as its culture. Denton is approximately 95 square miles in territory and strategically positioned approximately 37 miles northwest of Dallas and 35 miles northeast of Fort Worth. Denton is a growing community with a long history as the County Seat and the major urban center for Denton County. The City is home to two state universities – the University of North Texas and Texas Woman’s University, with a combined enrollment in excess of 50,000 students, and North Central Texas College, the oldest two-year public college in Texas.

The position of Fire Chief is an exciting professional opportunity to lead and manage a progressive and professional fire department with 169 uniformed members. DFD operates under the provisions of LGC 143 (Texas Local Civil Service). The Denton Fire/Rescue Department (DFD) is a modern, full service agency that consists of seven fire stations and includes five engine companies, a quint and a truck company, five front-line medics and other specialized response units. Primary services including the following: Fire Suppression, Emergency Medical/ALS, Rescue, Hazardous Materials, Catastrophic Natural Events Response, Fire Investigation, EOD, and Emergency Management. A detailed brochure is available at www.watersconsulting.com/recruitment.

A minimum of ten years paid fire management experience, with at least five years at a command level, is required. A bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university in fire science, public administration, or a related discipline is required, with an advanced degree preferred. Advanced training from the Executive Fire Officer Program or equivalent is preferred. Candidates should demonstrate knowledge of municipal fire department operations and management, public administration of local governments, and knowledge of best practices in the management of municipal fire and emergency medical services, and some familiarity with the principles and practices of emergency preparedness and disaster response. Management experience in a civil service environment is preferred. The selected candidate must be able to gain Texas certification as a fire service professional at a minimum of the intermediate level within one year.

Qualified candidates please submit your resume online by visiting our website at www.watersconsulting.com/recruitment. This position is open until filled; however, the first

review of applications will take place on **June 19, 2014**. Following the first review date, applications will be screened against criteria provided in this brochure and the City will consider offering interviews to selected candidates. Interviews in Denton will be offered by the City to those candidates named as Finalists, with reference checks, background checks and academic verifications conducted after receiving candidates' permission. For more information, please contact Chuck Rohre at crohre@watersconsulting.com or by calling (214) 466-2436 (direct) or (214) 608-7477 (mobile). Toll free: (877) 356-2924.

The City of Denton is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity at all levels of its workforce!