

Log Hill Mesa Fire Protection District

434 Ponderosa Drive, Ridgway, CO. 81432 (970) 626-4095

Fire Chief

Position Description

Description:

The Fire Chief is the chief executive officer of the LHMFPD and is responsible for directing the operations and managing the administrative business affairs of the LHMFPD. The position establishes current and long-range objectives subject to approval of the LHMFPD Board of Directors and develops and implements operational plans and policies/procedures.

Duties:

- Respond to fire, rescue and other all hazards incidents as outlined by the District's established response guidelines. Make decisions as to the best method of handling emergency and non-emergency incidents and provide Incident Command for these incidents requiring this level of command.
- Directly participate in and oversee training and emergency response activities as needed
- Develop and execute long-range plans for the department
- Manage day-to-day operations of the department, ensuring maintenance of fleet, physical plant, and training are complete to ensure operational readiness
- Ensure adequate staffing for district resources.
- Responsible for enforcement of rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the District
- Develop annual budgets and execute routine purchasing and oversee large expenditures
- Set an example for professional conduct and administration for firefighters

Key Performance Indicators:

- Firefighter recruiting and retention rates
- Personnel per call, Injuries, Accidents
- Budget actual/planned expenditures ratio

Compensation:

\$1,300 to \$1,500 month starting range depending on experience. Salary at 40 hours of work estimated per month. Raises contingent on experience, performance, and will be evaluated on an annual basis.

FLSA-Exempt Position.

Requirements

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Key Skills:

- Command
- Leadership
- Communications
- Public Relations
- Management

Mandatory Minimum Qualifications:

- Colorado DFPC Firefighter I (Structure)*
- Colorado HAZMAT Operations Certification*
- NWCG Wildland Firefighter Type 2
- Three years' experience in fire and emergency services, including one as an officer
- Clean background investigation
- Clean motor vehicle record
- Arduous physical fitness per NWCG Standards

*Out of state certifications are permissible upon completion of Colorado reciprocity certification process within six months of hire. See: Renewal, Reinstatement & Reciprocity | Fire Prevention and Control

Desired Qualifications:

- Colorado DPFC Fire Officer I
- Colorado DPFC Fire Instructor I
- NWCG Firefighter 1
- Colorado EMT-Basic
- Experience as a senior fire officer or chief
- Experience with NFIRS, Microsoft Office 365, and social media.
- Experience in rural or urban-interface or exurban fire departments or other government in a similar area and population.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and an LHVFD Application via email to Chief John Rogers, jsr5@hotmail.com, and Asst. Chief Tom Austin, toma67@aol.com, no later than March 31, 2023 at 17:00 (Mountain time).

Applicants should expect follow-up communications in the first week of April. Qualified applicants should expect a panel interview with board members and firefighters on April 11, with a decision made that week. Successful candidate is expected to begin the position in May 1, 2023.