



JOB OPENING: DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Lefthand Fire Protection District, Boulder, Colorado

Lefthand Fire Protection District is located in Boulder County, Colorado.

- Our District is located north and west of Boulder, and covers approximately 60 square miles with 70% of that being public lands consisting of USFS and County Open Space at a elevation of around 5500 ft to around 9000 ft.
- Most of our population lives in 5 Subdivisions with about 2000 Residents. Our roads are both paved and gravel and include one federal Highway, US36.
- The Department consists of about 40 volunteers who are responsible for fire suppression, rescue, medical, haz-mat and public safety.
- Incidents for 2011 will total about 200 calls. We work closely with other county agencies through mutual aid and auto aid agreements.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

This job requires management of fire scenes (incident command), providing EMS in an effective manner, and the ability to maintain control in dangerous, hectic situations while dealing with the possibility of loss of life, injury and property.

The Deputy Chief should have proficient knowledge and training in the following areas:

- Fire fighting techniques and methods
- Command and control techniques
- Hazardous materials and response
- The EMS system
- Fire fighting training programs
- Government grants and resources
- Experience with a Volunteer Fire Department

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE

- Any combination of experience and education which provides the level of knowledge and abilities required may be considered.
- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in public administration, fire science, business administration; a master's degree or National Fire Academy EFO certificate is desirable.
- The ideal candidate will possess a minimum of five to ten years of experience in a comparable or larger agency with experience in a management role: deputy/assistant fire chief, operations chief, battalion chief or similar position. Working with a volunteer fire department with rural aspects is a plus.
- Continuing training and professional development is required, as is physical fitness.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED

(At least 2 of the three; any remaining requirement must be completed within the first year of service).

Structure: Fire 1 and Haz-Mat
Wildland: Engine Boss or higher
EMS: EMT Basic or higher

POSITION OF DEPUTY CHIEF

- This position reports to the Fire Chief, works with the Board of Directors, and is second in the Department chain of command. It requires working with and alongside the Chief to run a highly efficient Volunteer Fire Department.
- The Deputy Chief works with Lefthand personnel who will report directly to the Deputy Chief -to be determined.
- The Deputy Chief will be in charge of the District in the absence on the Chief.
- The Deputy Chief is expected to be consistent, fair, and have an open door policy toward Lefthand personnel, residents of the District, and other agency personnel.
- The person selected must have demonstrated the ability to deal effectively with people in difficult situations.
- The mitigation crew reports to the Deputy Chief.
- When on shift, the Deputy Chief will be directly involved with daily operations and run calls. The person is expected to monitor calls and be available to respond to large incidents when not on duty.
- The work schedule is reasonably flexible to accommodate meetings and trainings.
- The Deputy Chief may participate on Federal fires for extended periods of time with additional compensation.
- The position attends monthly Board meetings, Lefthand trainings, and may represent the District at various agency meetings.
- The Deputy Chief will participate and help lead the Semi/Annual Fire Fighter Evaluations

BENEFITS

- Salary commensurate with experience
- Medical benefits provided
- 2 weeks paid vacation each year increasing with tenure

TO APPLY

Please visit our website at www.lefthandfire.org. Click on 'Join Our Team' for more information and to download an application. E-mail the application and resume to: jobs@lefthandfire.org

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