

Deputy Fire Chief (USP II)
University of Connecticut Fire Department
Division of Public and Environmental Safety

Reporting to the University Fire Chief or other designated University official, the Deputy Fire Chief is accountable for managing fire suppression and prevention activities, code compliance inspections and enforcement, hazardous materials mitigation, crisis response, origin and cause investigations and emergency medical services for the University Community. The Deputy Fire Chief establishes and implements policies, rules and regulations and procedures necessary for the efficient operation of the Fire Department and is responsible for the proper management, hiring, evaluation, training and promotion for all direct reports in the Fire Department.

Minimum Qualifications to Apply: Ten (10) years of fire experience that includes considerable knowledge of fire fighting, fire prevention practices, code compliance inspection and enforcement procedures, and fire investigation procedures; five (5) years experience working as a supervisor and leader in a fire service organization; and must possess Valid Motor Vehicle Drivers License.

Additional Qualifications Required: Excellent leadership ability; considerable knowledge of emergency medical techniques and hazardous materials emergency mitigation procedures; excellent interpersonal skills including the ability to interact effectively in a culturally and ethnically diverse community; ability to communicate effectively verbally and in written communications; considerable ability to evaluate emergency situations and develop effective courses of action to same; ability to utilize FireHouse software or similar database applications; ability to utilize Microsoft Office applications, i.e. Word, Excel and Access; ability to manage and work within a budget and promote cost effectiveness. An equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities may be considered.

The additional qualifications required, listed above, will be evaluated through a series of interview questions and practical real time exercises.

Preferred Qualifications: Four-year or advanced degree from accredited college or university; Fire Officer Certifications (I, II, III, IV) pursuant to *NFPA 1021* accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (NPQS) and/or the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC); completion of the State of Connecticut Fire Marshal Pre-Certification Program with current continuing education hours; State of Connecticut or National Registry Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (EMT-B) or State of Connecticut or National Registry Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic (EMT-P); Hazardous Materials Technician Certification pursuant to *NFPA 472* (NPQS and or IFSAC) or EPA or OSHA Hazardous Materials Technician; and current or honorably discharged member of a United States military service.

Physical and Background Requirements: Position requires general good health and incumbent must possess and retain sufficient strength, stamina, agility, visual and auditory acuity necessary to perform the duties of the class. External candidates may be required to pass a pre-employment background and physical examination.

Salary: Target salary is \$101,000. A comprehensive benefit package includes medical, dental, life insurance, pension plan, vacation, sick leave accrual, and tuition waiver program for the employee and dependants. This is a full-time permanent position with the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Occasional weekend and irregular hours may be required as needed to support the demands of operations and/or emergency situations. Incumbents in this class may be exposed to some danger of injury or loss of life during fire fighting and rescue operations, significant mental stress of responding to life and death emergencies and disagreeable conditions including exposure to weather, loud noises and chemicals.

Application Procedure: Send cover letter and resume detailing in which ways you meet all of the minimum qualifications and how you meet each of the preferred qualifications if any, and a statement clearly attesting to the fact that you feel you possess all of the additional qualifications required, as well as contact information for three (3) professional references to: **Deputy Fire Chief Search Committee, University of Connecticut Fire Department, 47 Weaver Road, Unit 5052, Storrs, CT 06269-5052.** Applications must be received by 16:00 hours January 26, 2010. (Search #2010186)

In keeping with our commitment to build a culturally diverse community, the University of Connecticut invites applications from women, people with disabilities and members of minority groups.