

Bedford Township Fire Chief; Temperance, MI

Bedford Township, Temperance, MI, a growing and vibrant community located in Monroe County, Michigan, with 31,000 residents is seeking an experienced full time Fire Chief. This individual will provide the strategic leadership and further develop a cohesive culture to its Fire Department to enhance its efficiency and effectiveness in providing fire prevention, fire suppression and emergency medical services to the township residents.

At the present time, the Fire Department operates three fire stations and has personnel consisting of a full time Fire Chief, a full time Fire Inspector, and 40+ paid on call fire fighters, with an annual operating budget of approximately \$1 Million.

Knowledge, skills and abilities required for the position include the following:

- Associates (or higher) degree in Fire Science or closely related field of study; a minimum of five years of increasingly greater command responsibility in fire suppression, prevention, training and administration, including plan review; fifteen years fire-fighting experience; knowledge of State laws relative to labor, hazardous materials, ordinances, codes and modern fire-fighting techniques and methods.
- Strong interpersonal skills to deal effectively with subordinates, township personnel, vendors, and the general public; a proven record of advancement in administrative responsibilities.
- Organizational, managerial, administrative and leadership skills; ability to maintain all Michigan certifications and/or licensures for Fire Fighter I and II, Fire Officer III, EMT-B, NIMS (ICS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, 800), Hazardous Materials Training (HAZMAT) and operations level. Executive Fire Officer (EFO) designation; Chief Fire Officer (CFO) credential and fire inspector certification preferred; well versed in grant procurement, strategic planning and familiar with accreditation process.
- Ability to work in all weather conditions and occasionally in extremely hazardous conditions; must be able to climb ladders, work effectively at scenes of emergency, possess a valid driver's license, have the ability to operate a wide variety of fire-fighting equipment and apparatus, and be capable of lifting heavy fire/rescue equipment and supplies in excess of fifty pounds on occasion.

It is preferred, but not required that the Fire Chief become a resident of Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan within six months of appointment to the position. At a minimum, the Fire Chief shall reside within twenty miles from the nearest boundary of Bedford Township, and such residency must be established within six months.

Salary commensurate to experience plus benefits, depending on qualifications and experience.

Interested individuals should send a resume stating qualifications to: rwalters@endevis.com

****CANDIDATES PLEASE NOTE:** If you wish your resume and application information to remain confidential, please notify us in writing.