Fayetteville Police Chief Search

Location Fayetteville, Tennessee

The City of Fayetteville is accepting applications for Police Chief. The former longtime serving Police Chief recently retired. Fayetteville is searching for a very capable, personable, ethical and strong leader as the successor. The Police Department consists of 28 sworn officers and an additional 3 support staff. The Police Chief directly reports to the City Administrator but shares accountability to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen as well as the citizens of Fayetteville.

The Fayetteville Police Department’s mission is “to exist to serve the community by protecting life and property; by preventing crime; by enforcing the laws; and by maintaining order for all citizens.” FPD supports the citizens, elected representatives and city officials in order to provide the highest quality of service and public safety standards.

Fayetteville has approximately 7,000 citizens and several businesses within the city limits. It is the county seat of Lincoln County, Tennessee which is in the furthest southcentral region of the state. Fayetteville is approximately 28 miles north of Huntsville, Alabama; 85 miles southeast of Nashville, Tennessee and 100 miles west of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Primary Responsibilities of Police Chief

This Police Chief will be responsible for planning, guiding and managing all FPD activities. The Police Chief is under the general supervision of the City Administrator and accountable to the governing body. The Chief routinely uses independent judgement based on circumstances and experienced professional training. The position must understand the operations of law enforcement and firearms equipment, and the ability to uphold with the physical and mental demands of the jobs.

Essential Duties

- Plan, manage, organize and implement all police operations/strategies
- Supervise officers/ administrative staff
- Maintain all appropriate police records and suitable office environment
- Oversee, enforce and recommend necessary changes to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)
- Ability to work and communicate with Law Enforcement agencies from other county, state, federal and neighboring jurisdictions.
- Foster community policing and community relationship building.

Other Necessary Skills

- Knowledge/ familiarity with Police organizations, operations, administration and practices.
- Knowledge of the geographical area.
• Understanding of City, State and Federal ordinances and laws.
• Ability to interpret and implement supervisory practices and protocols.
• Demonstrate calmness, quick and practical judgement skills particularly in times of emergency.
• Possess strong verbal and communication skills.

Candidate’s Requirements

• Graduation from an accredited high school or equivalent. Prefer graduation from a college or university with major coursework in criminal justice or related field.
• Five (5) years of experience in law enforcement administration and/or supervision.
• No felony convictions or serious misdemeansors involving moral turpitude; and any other then honorable discharges from any of the Armed Forces of the U.S.
• Meet clearance with Professional Psychological Evaluations.

Application Process

Please submit resume’ and references to Rex Barton, MTAS by 5:00 p.m. on July 15th, 2022, Rex.Barton@tennessee.edu or mail: Attention: Armintha Loveday, 1610 University Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37921

A thorough background check will be conducted on finalist/recommended candidate.