

The City of Centralia with a population of approximately 12,000 is accepting applications for the position of Fire Chief. The Fire Department consists of 15 Full-Time Firefighters, multiple Part-Time Firefighters, and 1 support staff. The Chief oversees an annual budget of over \$2,800,000.00 for their department and performs a variety of administrative responsibilities and supervisory activities in the Fire Department while managing two fire stations. The Chief works closely with other local, state, and federal agencies. The Chief is expected to be a visible community involved Chief and will have a working relationship with the Police Department and other City Departments. The current Chief is retiring after a career of 30 years with the Centralia Fire Department.

Candidates are required to have an Associates Degree from an accredited college or university in Fire Science or related field or a minimum of 10 years of experience within the Centralia Fire Department. Successful candidates must also possess certification as Basic Operations Firefighter and a minimum of Hazardous Materials Operations, EMS Certification, NIMS Certification and certified as Fire Inspector 1 from Office of State Fire Marshal. The full job description is available at www.cityofcentralia.org.

Salary Range - \$80,000.00 - \$90,000.00+ plus an excellent benefit package.

Interested applicants should send a resume with references to kaenke@cityofcentralia.org or mail by March 13, 2026, however, will continue accepting until filled at:

City of Centralia
Attn: City Clerk
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Centralia, IL 62801