**FIRE CHIEF**

**ROCHELLE, IL**

**Rochelle, IL (pop. 10,849).** The City of Rochelle is seeking a full-time Fire Chief to lead a full-service organization. The city and the fire department are consistently working to achieve and/or maintain the highest level of professionalism and efficiency on behalf of those it serves. Rochelle is in Ogle County IL and has a population of 10,849 residents, 1282 businesses and is approximately 80 miles to the west of Chicago, IL and 25 miles south of Rockford, IL. Rochelle is known as the "Hub City" because of its location at the intersection of several major transportation routes. The first transcontinental highway in the United States, the Lincoln Highway, passed through Rochelle, as did US-51, one of the first highways to go the full north–south length of the United States. It is home to the Chicagoland Skydiving Center since 1968, the Kennay Farms Distillery and the Rochelle Railroad Park Diamond (over 80-120 trains a day go through Rochelle, and it is a “hot spot” for train watching. Rochelle offers an experience for all tastes - from relaxation to exhilaration - with that hometown feel.

The Fire Chief is the executive in charge of overseeing the Rochelle Fire Department and its operations. The department provides fire, emergency medical, rescue, hazardous materials, and wildland services to the City of Rochelle and is part of a robust mutual aid system in the area. The Fire Chief works closely with all of the city’s staff as well as regional leadership focused on the delivery of professional, timely and effective services.

* The City operates under a Council-Manager form of government and the Fire Chief is appointed by and reports directly to the City Manager.
* The department is a “combination department” consisting of both career and paid-on-call personnel. The paid-on-call staff provide and important role in the overall staffing of the department. Those personnel provide supplemental staffing for shift operations as well as responding to major incidents, or when multiple ambulance calls occur at the same time.
* The Fire Chief also serves as the Fire Chief of the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District covering the communities of Creston, Hillcrest, Flagg Center and Steward.
* The department operates from the headquarters station that houses two (2) engines, one (1) 105' aerial ladder truck, three (3) modern diesel ambulances, one (1) multi-purpose utility vehicle, and one (1) Command Vehicle, and a specially outfitted Pick-up truck that is used for HazMat and Dive Rescue responses and equipment deployment.
* In August of 2000, the department opened the Rochelle Fire Department museum. It was built to dedicate the history of the fire department by the personnel as well as support from the city’s other departments.
* The department has averaged over 1,885 calls annually over the past 3-years.
* The department has an ISO Class 4 rating.
* The current budget for Fiscal Year 2021 is $2,904,059.

**The Ideal Candidate**

**“Innovative, Dynamic and Visionary Leader”**

* An experienced and collaborative fire/EMS leader with demonstrated managerial, interpersonal, and customer service skills.
* A strong communicator with all facets of a modern fire/EMS provider.
* An individual committed to the process of continuous improvement through study, data analysis, risk taking, and follow through.
* Steady, Approachable, and Dependable.
* A commitment to the organization with a genuine confidence and approachability to residents, business, and governmental leaders featuring strong communication skills.
* A Fire Chief that is an integral and engaged leader, with a strong background in modern fire, EMS, emergency management, and all hazard’s practices.
* A Fire Chief that understands the need to use data for problem solving and community risk reduction efforts.
* The ability to mentor and foster leadership roles within the staff, succession planning, and a global vision of the community’s needs are critical. Creativity and the ability to guide and balance change is a must.
* Strong budget skills supported by conservative fiscal management.
* Experience with managing both career and paid-on-call personnel.

**Required Credentials:**

* Bachelor’s Degree in Fire Science, Public Administration, Business Management, or similar discipline required.
* Ten (10) years of related experience with at least five years of supervisory experience in a chief officer rank or executive role is required.
* Other additional qualification includes: a graduate of the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer (or enrolled with a specific completion date), Chief Fire Officer Designation (or in process with a specific completion date), or similar certifications.
* ICS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700 required

**Compensation and Benefits**

The annual salary for this position is $108,662**.** The City of Rochelle, IL provides options for retirement including a defined benefit, or defined contribution, and deferred compensation plan along with excellent health and welfare benefits.

**How to Apply**

Candidates should apply online at [www.GovHRjobs.com](http://www.govhrjobs.com/) by August 2, 2021, with resume, cover letter and contact information for five work-related references. Questions may be sent to T.E Sashko, Vice President, GovHR USA 630 Dundee Road, #225, Northbrook, IL 60062. Tel: 847-380-3240 x123. The [City of Rochelle](https://www.cityofrochelle.net/) is an equal opportunity employer.