The City of Seward is seeking applications from interested persons for the position described below. Completed job applications, current resume and proof of qualifications can be submitted to the Office of the Fire Chief: 316 Fourth Avenue, Seward, AK 99664 or by emailing sfd@cityofseward.net. This position will remain open until filled.

Deputy Fire Chief:
This is a regular full-time position with benefits, starting at minimum $28.70/hr (Range 19.5A), or higher dependent upon experience.

General duties include but are not limited to: Under the general direction and supervision of the Fire Chief, the Deputy Fire Chief is the recognized Training Officer for the Fire Department and is responsible for organizing, directing and conducting training operations within the department to maintain minimum local, state and federal training and operational standards. The Deputy serves as second in command of the Fire Department and has command responsibilities for firefighting, rescue, emergency responses and other activities of the department. The Deputy Chief serves as a Fire Inspector and is responsible for Fire and Life Safety Inspections in conjunction with other assigned staff. Assists in developing and implementing department goals pertaining to fire confinement and prevention, code development/enforcement, public education, and emergency preparedness and analysis. Oversee Department training programs and activities; develop and maintain training plans and maintain training records; identify training needs; coordinate with other local Fire Departments and outside agencies; maintain compliance with established medical and safety standards; work with staff and volunteers to correct noted deficiencies.

Education and/or Experience:
An Associate’s Degree in Fire Administration, Fire Science, Management, Business Administration, or Public Administration, Bachelor’s preferred. Five (5) years of fire department related supervisory experience. Ten (10) years experience with a paid, volunteer or combination department. The degree and experience requirement may be substituted for any combination of education, experience and training as deemed acceptable by the hiring authority. Must have a State of Alaska, ProBoard or IFSAC Firefighter 2 certification or equivalent, EMT 1 or higher and experience in conducting fire safety inspections. Fire Officer 1 preferred. Must have or be able to obtain within one year State of Alaska, Pro Board, or IFSAC Fire Instructor 1 certification. Must have or be able to obtain within one year ICC Fire Inspector 1 certification. Must have NIMS 100, 200, 700, 800.

Successful applicants must pass a background investigation and drug testing. Preference may be given to current City employees. A complete job description and employment application can be obtained from City of Seward Fire Chief Clinton Crites.

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