



Boone County

Fire Protection Dist. #2

Fire Chief



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The Boone County Fire Protection District #2 (BCFD #2), as we know it today came to be in the year 1947. Members of this community felt the need for fire protection to be expanded. Over our storied history, one thing remains, this fire district is supported by the community. With this unwavering support we are able to serve as the 24/7, all hazards response organization that is renowned throughout the county. The fire district is situated within the southern four townships of Boone County; Belvidere, Bonus, Flora and Spring. (Except for those portions within the City of Belvidere) Currently the district is one of the largest Fire Protection Districts by land area within the State of Illinois, covering nearly 140 square miles. In addition to a vast portion of the Boone County countryside the fire district covers 28.5 miles of Interstate 90 traveling both eastbound and westbound. The fire district operates two fire stations, Station #1- Belvidere and Station #2- Garden Prairie.



In the year 2024, personnel responded to 1600 calls for service, making us the second busiest department in Boone County and the seventh busiest department within MABAS Division 8.



Currently 39 firefighters answer the call for duty as POC/Volunteers. In combination with four full time engineers who are on a 24/72 rotation and three shifts who staff two ALS ambulances with one FF/Medic and one FF/EMT on a 24/48 rotation. In addition, a part-time firefighter staffs the engine for day and night shifts. In 2024 personnel logged 5225 man hours and 3659 training hours. In addition, the fire district boasts a strong member-run Firefighter's Association that is very active within the community, most notably at the Boone County Fair where personnel make and sell the famous "Fireman's Doughnuts".



Whether it be an association event, a fire call or simply a public event. The focus of BCFD #2 is still the one thing that got us to where we are today, the community in which we serve.



FULL TIME FIRE CHIEF

BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 2

1777 Henry Luckow Lane Belvidere, IL 61008

Boone County, Illinois

A. **Required Qualifications for both internal and external candidates:**

YOU MUST HAVE SOME COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING per 70 ILCS 705/16.04b

- a. Office of the State Fire Marshal Basic Operations Firefighter Certification or Office of the State Fire Marshal Firefighter II Certification
- b. Office of the State Fire Marshal Advanced Fire Officer Certification or Office of the State Fire Marshal Fire Officer II Certification
- c. Associates degree in Fire Science or a bachelor's degree from an accredited University or College
- d. Minimum 10 years' experience as a Firefighter in the Fire Protection of the jurisdiction making the appointment

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- e. Current National Registry or State of Illinois EMR license and must be accepted into current EMS system
- f. Incident Safety Officer or the ability to obtain within 6 months of hire
- g. NIMS Compliance – Levels 100, 200, 300, 400, 700 and 800 or obtain within 6 months of hire date
- h. Valid Class B Non CDL driver's license or the ability to obtain within 6 months of hire
- i. Computer proficiency and experience in Microsoft Office, Excel, Outlook, Fire Incident Reporting Systems, and non-resident billing software platforms
- j. Residency within 15-mile radius of BCFD # 2 Belvidere, IL station within 1 year of the date of hire

B. **Preferred Qualifications:**

- a. Office of the State Fire Marshal Advanced Operations Firefighter Certification or Office of the State Fire Marshal Firefighter III Certification
- b. Executive Fire Officer (EFO) or Chief Fire Officer (CFO) Certification
- c. Minimum 10 years' Fire Officer experience with familiarity with the complexities of running a combination full time/paid on call department
- d. Strong administrative and financial background
- e. Current National Registry or State of Illinois EMT-B License and must be accepted into the EMS system
- f. Master's Degree in Fire Science, Fire Administration, Public Administration or related field
- g. Experienced and collaborative leader who will play a key role in shaping the district's vision for today and the future
- h. Demonstrates good character traits in ethical decision-making, exhibiting a high level of personal and professional integrity

C. **Hours of Work:**

- a. Office hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with some flexibility. The Fire Chief is expected to respond to incidents when necessary, including those occurring outside normal business hours, and attend certain meetings outside normal office hours.

D. **Salary Range:** \$90,000 - \$105,000 dependent on qualifications

E. **Benefits:** Health, Dental and Vision Insurance – Self; Vacation and Sick Time

Submit | Letter of Intent, Resume and (3) letters of recommendation to tbecker@bcfd2.com by April 4, 2025 @ 5 p.m. Any question please contact Matt Zickert at (815)-494-4924.