

West Chicago Fire Protection District is Accepting Applications for Fire and Life Safety Inspector!



Join our team and play a crucial role in ensuring the safety of our community. West Chicago Fire Protection District is now accepting applications for the Fire and Life Safety Inspector position.

Starting Salary: \$72,000 plus benefits

West Chicago Fire District Information

West Chicago Fire Protection District serves a diverse community covering approximately 27 square miles. Its permanent population is 34,000, and its daytime workforce is over 75,000.

Get ready for an exhilarating and diverse role. The Fire District has over 1,800 inspectable occupancies, ranging from major manufacturing and processing facilities to service corporations. It also has the third busiest airport in Illinois, three major roadways, nine schools, and retail businesses. It offers a dynamic and varied work environment that will keep you engaged and excited.

Job Summary

West Chicago Fire Protection District Fire and Life Safety Inspectors are assigned various responsibilities. These include conducting physical inspections of various occupancies within the District, reviewing building plans, preparing technical reports, and delivering safety presentations to different age groups. They are also expected to provide public education and ensure compliance with fire and life safety codes.

Job Requirements and Qualifications

- ❖ **Candidates for this position must be able to learn and apply fire/safety codes. Previous fire code knowledge is desired but not required. Additionally,**

knowledge of electronic inspection reporting programs, Microsoft Office Suite, and proper grammar and style rules are highly desired.

- ❖ **Ideal candidates must have general knowledge of building construction and/or fire protection systems. Previous inspection experience related to these knowledge areas is desired but not required.**
- ❖ **Candidates must be able to maintain a professional appearance and demeanor, remain composed under stress, and achieve compliance through diplomacy and education.**
- ❖ **Candidates should possess skills in human interaction, particularly in professionally delivering written and verbal information to a diverse audience within both individual and group settings. Additional desired skills include using Microsoft Office Suite, computer equipment, office equipment, and basic tools, including personal protective equipment.**
- ❖ **Fluency in English and Spanish is preferred, with candidates expected to communicate effectively in both languages.**
- ❖ **Candidates must have a minimum of a high school diploma or GED and a valid Illinois driver's license. They must also obtain an Inspector 1 certificate from the Illinois State Fire Marshal within eighteen (18) months of starting employment.**
- ❖ **Candidates for this position are required to have a minimum of two (2) years of practical work experience in ANY of the following job fields:**
 - **Fire and Life Safety Inspection or Building Inspection or Property Maintenance Inspection or Residential Inspection**
 - **Fire Protection Systems Services, Testing, Installation, or Inspections**
 - **Property or Building Maintenance**
 - **Building Trades (Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, etc.)**
 - **Fire Fighter**
 - **Law/Code Enforcement**
- ❖ **Candidates must also be physically capable of accessing all points in a building requiring inspection. This may involve standing and walking for long durations without a break, climbing ladders, kneeling or crawling, and working in low or no-light conditions. They should be able to lift and carry heavy equipment and have the stamina to work in physically demanding environments. A Final Offer of Employment will be contingent upon the completion of a job-related medical**

exam and approval by the District's physician during the pre-employment screening process.

Salary/Benefits

West Chicago Fire Protection District values its employees and offers a comprehensive benefits package for Fire and Life Safety Inspectors. The starting salary is \$72,000, and benefits include health insurance, life insurance, entry into the IMRF pension system, paid time off, paid sick leave, and higher education tuition reimbursement, providing you with the security and support you need.

Equal Opportunity Employer

West Chicago Fire Protection District is committed to the policy of equal employment opportunity in recruitment, hiring, career advancement, and all other personnel practices. Your job-related experience and other qualifications will be considered without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or physical or mental handicap. All information provided by the applicant will be treated confidentially and will be used only to help assure the best use of your abilities if you are employed with us.

Application Instructions & Process Information

To apply for this position, please visit

https://www.wegofpd.org/apps/public/database/formAdd.cfm?Form_ID=7

and complete the electronic application form. If you are unable to complete the electronic form, please contact the Fire Marshal at 630/231-2123 for assistance.

Applicants will not submit supporting documentation at the time of application.

Supporting documentation will be on request only by the employer.

The initial hiring process for selected, qualified applicants will include applicant screening and interviewing. Additional hiring steps for pre-employment processing of a selected candidate will include background checks, medical exam, and possible language testing.

Deadline to Apply: September 30, 2024