

The City of Blackwell, Okla., Council/Manager form of Gov't., is currently recruiting qualified applicants for the position of full time Fire Chief. This position reports directly to the City Manager. Blackwell, Pop. 7,500, is located 1 hour south of Wichita, Ks and 1.5 hours north of Oklahoma City.

The Blackwell Fire Department is a combination department providing fire, first response medical and Haz-Mat services to the City of Blackwell and surrounding community.

Qualifications

Experience: Ten or more years of firefighting experience, with five or more years of supervisory firefighting experience is required. EMS/Haz-Mat experience preferred.

Education: A high School diploma or GED and a technical degree or college degree is required. A bachelor's degree in Fire Science or related field and completion of the Executive Fire Officer program is preferred. EMS experience preferred. A valid Driver's License is required.

Technical Skills: A thorough knowledge of fire suppression techniques, safety procedures, Fire & Life Safety Code Enforcement and personnel management is required. This employee must be able to operate computers, telephone systems, two-way radios, and firefighting equipment. The ability to prepare reports and memos, to understand and anticipate problems, to understand and develop department policies and procedures, and to interpret written instructions, manuals, reports, local, state and federal fire codes, and department files is required. This employee should possess excellent public relation, supervisory, organizational, managerial, oral and written communication skills. Employee should have knowledge of preparing and executing a budget.

Beginning salary is dependent on experience and qualifications. Benefits Include: OP&F State Retirement, 10 paid holidays, 2 weeks vacation, 12 days of sick leave, single health insurance plans w/subsidized dependent plan, and life insurance.

This position is being offered due to the retirement of the current Fire Chief. The position will be available 2/1/12. Interested applicants shall submit a current resume, 3 work related references and 3 non-work, non-family related references to City of Blackwell, 221 W. Blackwell Ave., Blackwell, Oklahoma 74631 Attn: Juanita Purdy.