

Clifton Fire Protection District Operations Chief



The Community

Clifton, Colorado is a rich diverse community located on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains. Clifton is located 238 miles west of Denver, Colorado, and 215 miles southeast of Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Clifton area is home to beautiful plateaus, mesas, mountains, rivers and has abundant outdoor activities. The community is a rich mix of small-town atmosphere and big-city amenities located a short distance away from Grand Junction, Colorado.

Clifton is a hub for outdoor enthusiasts with nearby mountain biking, rafting, skiing, and mountain climbing.

The area has regional transportation including an airport that is located in the City of Grand Junction, Amtrak rail service, and a major interstate that runs through the district.



The Department

The Clifton Fire Protection District (CFPD) was formed in 1943 and is an all-hazards department. CFPD is governed by an elected five-member Board of Directors who oversee the Fire Chief.

The District has a staff of 1 Fire Chief, 1 full-time Administrative Specialist, 1 part-time Administrative Assistant, 1 part-time Logistics Officer, 3 Captains, 15 full-time Firefighters, and 12 part-time Firefighter/EMTs.

The CFPD provides fire, emergency medical, and fire prevention services to a total population of around 30,000 located within 15 square miles. The CFPD is an Advanced Life Support response and transport agency and is staffed with paramedics on each shift.

The CFPD district responds to calls for service from one fire station with the following apparatus:

- 2 - Type 1 Engines
- 2 - Ambulances
- 1 - 75 ft Ladder Truck
- 1 - Type 6 Brush Truck

Ideal Candidate

Education and Experience

The following requirements have been established for the Operations Chief position:

- Completion of an Associate degree program in Fire Science, or related field.
- Completion of ICS 300 and 400.
- Colorado State certification as an emergency medical technician or equivalent (NREMT certification) at the time of hire. Paramedic Preferred.
- Colorado State certification as Firefighter I and II or equivalent (IFSAC or Pro Board) at time of hire.
- Colorado State certification as Fire Officer I or equivalent (IFSAC or Pro Board) at time of hire.
- Minimum of 10 years of experience in a career fire department.
- Minimum of 3 years in a leadership position in a career fire department at Captain level or equivalent.
- NWCG S-130/S-190 Basic Wildland Firefighter



Demonstrated Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

The Fire Chief will be capable of providing sound professional guidance to the district's leadership. Additionally, the Fire Chief should have:

- Comprehensive knowledge of modern firefighting principles, practices, methods, techniques, and equipment.
- Comprehensive knowledge of hazards, community risk reduction, and the use of data to guide community risk reduction and fire administration.
- Comprehensive knowledge of laws and regulations relating to the control and prevention of fire.
- Knowledge of good training techniques and practices and personnel management and fire department administration.
- Ability to observe and make a critical analysis, organize and command personnel and equipment in emergencies.
- Ability to supervise tactfully and to maintain discipline effectively.
- Ability to present ideas clearly and concisely both orally and in writing.

Compensation and Benefits

The hiring range for this position will be between \$106,123 to \$117,796. Starting offer is dependent on education and experience.

The District provides the following benefits:

- 100% coverage of premiums for health insurance (3 plans to choose from), dental, and vision insurance for employee and their family.
- \$20,000 life insurance policy.
- State of Colorado Firefighter and Police Pension Association (FPPA) Retirement Plan.
- Colorado Cancer and Heart Trust program.
- Vacation and sick days provided.
- Paid holidays.
- Take home vehicle

Application & Selection Process

This recruitment will close at midnight on January 20, 2025. To be considered for this opportunity, email a cover letter, resume, and a list of five professional references (who will not be contacted until a mutually agreed upon time) to bcherveney@cliftonfire.com.

Those who meet the minimum qualifications will be invited to participate in a phone interview on January 24, 2025.

Finalists will be selected after the phone interviews and will be invited to participate in an on-site interview session that will occur on January 30, 2025.

Please direct any questions to :

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