



TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER/FIRE MARSHAL

The Township of Lower Merion, Pennsylvania is seeking an experienced, visionary, professional and passionate leader to serve as the Chief Fire Officer/Fire Marshal. The position responsibilities include serving as the Township Fire Marshal. The Chief Fire Officer/Fire Marshal will lead the Township towards innovation and new approaches in its Fire Service.

- The Township of Lower is well known as an attractive and affluent residential community located along Philadelphia's famed Main Line.
- The 2020 census population of Lower Merion Township was 63,633 people, which was an increase of 5,808 people from 2010.
- The Township covers an area of 23.64 square miles and is adjacent to the City of Philadelphia.
- The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority's (SEPTA) Paoli/Thorndale and Cynwyd lines serve the Main Line and provide frequent commuting service to and from downtown Philadelphia and through the Township. Norfolk Southern Railroad also has a major freight line that runs through the Township.
- There are 24,095 households and several large institutions including educational, non-profit, art, medical and ecclesiastical complexes in the Township.
- The median household income of Lower Merion Township is \$136,288, which is significantly higher than Montgomery County (\$91,546) and more than twice as high as the state average (\$61,744).

The Fire Department covers a response area of 23.64 square miles and operates from seven stations and a Fire Department Office. The Township employs five career professionals which include which include the Chief Fire Officer, three Deputy Fire Marshals and an Administrative Assistant. Each of the Fire Companies employs three full-time employees plus volunteers. The Township provides fire operations and fire prevention services, as well as support for rescue operations. EMS Services are provided by Narberth Ambulance and supported by the department. In 2021, the fire department had a call volume of 2,495 calls for service.

Position Summary:

The Chief Fire Officer/Fire Marshal reports directly to the Township Manager and is appointed by the 14-member Board of Commissioners. The Chief Fire Officer/Fire Marshal is a member of the Township's leadership team and is responsible for the overall operation of the Fire service including coordination of the volunteer fire companies and of all Fire Department activities with other fire departments, public safety agencies and Township Departments. The position responsibilities include acting as the Fire Marshal for the Township.

This is an incredible opportunity for a strong and collaborative executive to focus on innovation to improve upon how fire services are provided to the community to achieve the Township's goals and objectives. Lower Merion seeks a leader who is innovative who brings new ideas to the organization, offering a unique perspective and experience, as well as a capability and desire to monitor the forefront of industry advances and adapt those advances for application to Lower Merion Township.

For the complete informational posting and instructions to apply, please click here:
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