

## **FIRE CHIEF CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA**

This is an exceptional opportunity to provide leadership and management to a stable and highly regarded fire department in the premier quality of life community in the Atlanta, Georgia metropolitan area. The current Fire Chief has announced his intention to retire. The current Sandy Springs Fire Department is a high performing organization. Sandy Springs's new Fire Chief will be a respected professional and active manager who is well versed in the latest techniques of the fire service and emergency medical services.

Requires a BS/BA degree, preferably in Public Administration, Fire Science or related field. Ten (10) or more years of management experience in fire service management, fiscal/budget matters, fire safety, prevention, and suppression methods, equipment, and supplies, or a related field. Five (5) or more years experience as Fire Chief or Deputy Fire Chief. Successful completion of courses in: Fire Investigation Basic, Inspector Basic, Instructor I, Fire Officer I and Advanced Fire Fighter. Meet minimum physical fitness requirements of the Fire Fighter Professional Qualification code published by the National Fire Protection Association. Completion of Basic Training Courses or renew certification. Any equivalent combination of education, specialized training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this position. Be at least 21 years of age. Meet minimum physical fitness requirements of the Fire Fighter Professional Qualification code published by the National Fire Protection Association. Have completed official Basic Training Courses consisting of 120 hours or if certification lapse received 120 hours annual training.

Other preferred qualifications include fifteen-plus (15+) years experience in the fire service including ten years of senior management level or higher and at least ten (10) years senior command level experience in a fire department. Completion of National Fire Academy Executive Officer Program. Ability to attain and maintain Hazardous Materials, First Responder, and/or Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification.

The Fire Chief of Sandy Springs directs and manages all fire fighting, fire prevention, fire service activities, non-transport emergency medical services, hazardous materials and technical rescue activities of the City.

The Fire Chief is responsible, through study and consultation with City Officials, for developing recommendations for the protection of life and property in the City. Administrative duties include planning, directing, and controlling departmental activities including recruitment of personnel, purchase of equipment, control of expenditures, preparation of budget estimates, and the assignment of personnel and equipment. The Fire Chief is appointed by and reports to the City Manager.

Sandy Springs is a demographically diverse community and covers a 38-square-mile area in north Fulton County, Georgia. Sandy Springs is the second largest city in the metropolitan Atlanta area and is the sixth largest city in Georgia. The U. S. Bureau of the Census estimated the City's population in 2012 at 99,419. The City's daytime population

swells to more than 200,000 due to the concentration of major corporations and businesses located there, including UPS, Newell Rubbermaid, First Data and Intercontinental Exchange, the new owner of the New York Stock Exchange. The City has one of the highest ratios of Fortune 500 companies per capita in the U. S. Other top corporate employers calling Sandy Springs home include Graphics Packing, Cox Enterprises, Manheim Auctions, and AirWatch.

Policy making and legislative authority of the government is vested in the Mayor and six Council Members who are elected for four-year terms on a non-partisan basis. The City operates under a Council/Manager form of government where the City Council is the legislative authority and the Mayor possesses all of the executive powers granted to government under the constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and the City of Sandy Springs Charter. The City Manager maintains all of the administrative powers granted to the government under the constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and the City's Charter.

The starting salary will be market competitive, depending on the experience and qualifications of the selected individual. The City will provide an excellent fringe benefit package to the successful candidate. Reasonable relocation expenses will also be provided.

For additional information on this outstanding opportunity, please contact James L. Mercer, President/CEO, The Mercer Group, Inc. at 505-466-9500; or at [jmercer@mercergroupinc.com](mailto:jmercer@mercergroupinc.com)

Confidential cover letters, resumes and salary history should be sent immediately to Mr. Mercer at **James L. Mercer, President/CEO, The Mercer Group, Inc., 1000 Cordova Place, #726, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Voice: 505-466-9500; Fax: 505-466-1274. E-Mail: [jmercer@mercergroupinc.com](mailto:jmercer@mercergroupinc.com), Website: [www.mercergroupinc.com](http://www.mercergroupinc.com)**

**Following a process, resumes will be screened by The Mercer Group. Position is open until filled.**

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