

Fire Chief City of Largo, Florida

Largo is home to over 82,000 residents with a City Area of nearly 19 square miles. The City is in the heart of Pinellas County geographically located on the west coast of Florida, approximately 15 miles west of Tampa, immediately west of Tampa Bay.

The Fire Chief reports to and is under general supervision of the City Manager. The City Manager will be looking for the next Fire Chief to continue the legacy of excellence for Largo Fire Rescue. The new Chief will be innovative, creative, a good strategic thinker, someone who will have a productive working relationship with the IAFF Union and respectful of the Department's outstanding workforce. He/She will be comfortable collaborating with Pinellas County Administration and the other Chiefs in the County as the City continues to seek solutions to the increasing EMS call volume.

The Fire Department has a 2018 Budget of \$21.8 million with 152 personnel and operates from six stations; calls for service totaled 29,558 in 2017.

The new Fire Chief is expected to have a Bachelor Degree in Fire Administration or Public Administration or related degree with a Master's Degree preferred and at least five years of recent experience as chief, deputy chief or division chief of a multi-station municipal, urban fire department. Certification of Compliance as a State of Florida Firefighter/EMT certified, plus State of Florida Firefighter/Paramedic is preferred within one year from hire.

The salary range for the Fire Chief is \$96,054 to \$134,430 annually with an excellent fringe benefit package.

A letter of interest and resume should be sent electronically by the close of business, May 11, 2018 to W. D. Higginbotham, Jr., WDHiggin@mercergroupinc.com

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