

**WARRENSBURG, MISSOURI SEEKS A
VISIONARY AND STRATEGIC LEADER AS ITS NEXT
FIRE CHIEF**

(Salary range \$68,473-\$102,710 DOQ/E)

Warrensburg, Missouri is located between Kansas City and St. Louis, and in the center of the entire Midwest. The City is located on US Highway 50 and State Highway 13, on the west side of the State, just a short 40-minute drive east of Kansas City and only 15-minutes away from easy access to I-70, one of this Country's major east and west commercial corridors. Projected to grow at a rate of 7.4 % annually, Warrensburg's current population is approaching 20,000 within 9 square miles of land. Serving as the county seat for Johnson County and is committed to preserving its community character, especially in support of education. Local educational opportunities include the Warrensburg R-VI School District, serving 3500+ students from Pre-K to Adult Learners with approximately 500 staff. Warrensburg is also home to the University of Central Missouri (UCM), neighboring Whiteman Air Force Base - the joint-service home of the 509th Bomb Wing and home to the world's only B-2 Spirit stealth bomber unit, and the nationally recognized Lake of the Ozarks - one of the Midwest's premier lake resort destinations.

The community benefits from having a highly skilled workforce with top employers including Western Missouri Medical Center, federal government-national security, schools, restaurants, hospitals, castings-aluminum (manufacturers), department stores, battery manufacturers, and lawn-care and paving equipment manufacturers. Warrensburg offers an exceptional quality of life with well-maintained neighborhoods, superior public schools, employment opportunities, a "college town atmosphere" combined with a family-friendly environment. Learn more about the community by visiting www.Warrensburg-mo.com.

The City of Warrensburg is a third-class city under Missouri law, operating with a Council-Manager form of government. Five City Council members are elected at-large and they select the Mayor among themselves. The City provides services in a variety of functional areas including police and fire protection, community development, economic development, information technology and public works. The City also operates a wastewater utility, animal shelter, cemetery, community center and an aquatic center. Water is provided by a separate special district and emergency medical by a private operator. The City has twelve park areas with a total of 402 acres of developed parks and a community center combined with a senior center. The City Council appoints a City Manager that is responsible for all city-wide operations, including the appointment of all department heads. The City employs 286 total employees, 126 full-time, and 160 part-time and seasonal employees, supported with an annual combined funds budget of approximately \$26 million.

Reporting directly to the City Manager, the Fire Chief oversees a fire and emergency services department with an excellent reputation that was recently awarded an ISO 2 rating. There are 26 FT positions, with authorization for 24 part-time positions, all working from two (2) stations and supported by a \$2.2M annual budget. In 2018, the Warrensburg Fire Department conducted 1,180 runs, all with an average response time of under 4 minutes for the 13th consecutive year. The City has recently replaced two (2) pumper units and added a new ladder truck.

Minimum qualifications required to be selected as Fire Chief: 10 years related experience, or a bachelor's degree plus 6 years of experience in the fire service, or an equivalent combination. Experience in Fire Service and progressive supervisory experience as a Fire Captain or higher and must have completed at least 60 hours of college credit or completion of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program. The salary range is **\$68,473-\$102,710** with starting salary depending on qualifications and experience. A vehicle is provided plus the City provides an excellent benefit package that includes short and long-term disability at no cost. Residency within the City is required.

The current Fire Chief is retiring after a successful career. The City is seeking an experienced and visionary fire service professional to lead the Fire Department as the community continues to grow. The ideal candidate will be experienced and possess expertise in managing a variety of fire department operations, knowledgeable about mutual aid and emergency management strategies, life safety codes, inspections, and the development review process for a growing community. The next Fire Chief must possess excellent communication skills, be collaborative and team oriented and be capable of maintaining strong relations with the Air Force Base and the community's educational institutions. The ideal candidate will have a record of establishing strong labor relations and developing employees and future departmental leadership. Candidates must possess strong interpersonal skills when interacting with elected officials and the public.

Qualified candidates please submit your resume online by visiting our website at <https://bakertilly.recruitmenthome.com/postings/2352>. The position is open until filled with a first review of candidates occurring on **Monday, July 8, 2019**. Following the first review date, resumes will be screened against criteria outlined in the brochure. Final interviews in Warrensburg will be offered by the City Manager to those candidates named as finalists, with reference and background checks, and academic verifications, conducted after receiving candidates' permission. For more information, **please contact Art Davis at art.davis@bakertilly.com, or by phone at 816.868.7042.**

The City of Warrensburg is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity at all levels of its workforce!