



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: Chief Fire Official
JOB CODE: S-039
CLASSIFICATION: Exempt
SALARY BAND: D
BARGAINING UNIT: ESMAB
REPORTS TO: ~~Chief Facilities Officer~~ (the Chief Fire Official may report any concerns directly to the Superintendent at his or discretion) Chief - Safety & Security Officer
CONTRACT YEAR: Twelve Months

POSITION GOAL:

To establish, promote and maintain safe conditions for all students and employees by recommending and establishing measures to reduce or eliminate employee and student accidents, fire incidents and hazards in compliance with all local, state and federal requirements for fire prevention. Additionally, to administer and enforce provisions of the Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code required for plan review processing, permitting, supervision and inspection of all District building and maintenance projects and to effectively carry out the duties associated with the Chief Fire Official designation.

ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Chief Fire Official shall carry out the essential performance responsibilities listed below:

- Supervise staff as assigned in the performance of job duties.
- Conducts oneself in a professional manner benefitting students in accordance with the highest traditions of public education and in support of the District's Mission Statement.
- Responds to customers in a timely, accurate and courteous manner. Consult with all departments and programs on design and use of equipment, shops, fire prevention, and safety programs.
- Serves as the Chief Fire Official, coordinates fire and safety code compliance activities and meets all responsibilities and enforcement matters pertaining to life, health and fire safety.
- Meets with the Superintendent of Schools on a quarterly basis to address pertinent issues or concerns.
- Ensures that all School District facilities, either owned or leased, receive an Annual Comprehensive Facilities Inspection (ACFI) by June 30th each year to detect existing or potential fire, accident and or health hazards. Recommends corrective or preventive measures, where indicated, in accordance with State Department of Education Regulations, Chapter 6A- 176.
- Coordinates plan review relative to adherence to the fire code.
- Supervises Plans Examiner/Inspectors (Fire) who review, plan and conduct field inspections to ensure the work quality and level of productivity are appropriate.
- Develops and performs tests and evaluations of fire prevention plans in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.
- Formulates and recommends general fire prevention policies and measures to be followed by students and employees.
- Consults with all departments and programs on the design and use of equipment, fire prevention, and on safety programs.
- Conducts studies and analyses of accidents and health hazards for the purpose of eliminating these conditions.
- Works with other District staff as appropriate to investigate all fire incidents, accident claims, accidental injuries and/or health hazards involving students, employees and/or equipment to determine cause.
- Ensures the safety of Broward County School District students and employees by developing, recommending, and implementing general safety policies and measures to be followed by students and employees.
- Ensures completion of the computerized annual inspection report to comply with annual code changes. Reviews all alternate materials and methods for equivalent use in educational facilities.
- Renders interpretation and intent of fire codes, rules and statutes applicable to existing District educational facilities.
- Responds and coordinates District activities during fire emergencies in cooperation with other District staff, as appropriate, and responding to Broward County Fire Departments.

- Maintains a report of the incident and severity rate for fire related accidents and hazards by preparing and disseminating a monthly, quarterly and annual report.
- Ensures the investigation of all fire incidents, accident claims, accidental injuries and/or fire hazards involving students, employees and/or equipment to determine the cause.
- Participates in the preparation of materials and evidence for school district use in hearings, lawsuits and insurance investigations.
- Serves as the District's liaison with municipalities, county departments, and other entities in order to facilitate fire safety plan development, response effort coordination, and mutual aid agreements, as applicable.
- Develops, supervises and coordinates training programs which will increase staff proficiency in fire prevention and promote fire safety consciousness.
- Prepares and arranges safety exhibits and materials for display, promotional work, industry conferences and exhibitions.
- Represents the District at various meetings and/or committees.
- ~~Actively participates~~ Participate in the Broward County Fire Chiefs Association.
- Perform and promote all activities in compliance with the equal employment and non-discrimination policies of The School Board of Broward County, Florida.
- Participate in the training programs offered to enhance the individual skills and proficiency related to the job responsibilities.
- ~~Ensures continued self-development by reviewing~~ Review current industry trends, developments, literature and technical sources of information related to the job ~~responsibility~~ responsibilities.
- Ensure adherence to safety rules and procedures.
- Follows federal and state laws, as well as School Board policies.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the ~~Chief Facilities Officer~~ immediate supervisor, or designee.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE:

- An earned bachelor's degree in Fire Science, Industrial Hygiene, Safety Engineering or related field from an accredited institution ~~is required.~~
- A minimum of eight (8) years of ~~demonstrated~~ experience and training, within the last thirteen (13) years, in the field related to the title of the position ~~is required.~~
- ~~The position requires~~ A current Florida State Certification as a Municipal Fire Safety Inspector or have received equivalent training in another state and pass a state written examination to become certified in the State of Florida prior to being recommended for School Board appointment.
- Successful completion of the State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF) class for existing educational facilities and Division of State Fire Marshal's Rule Chapter 69A-58 is required-, or within one year of appointment, verification of completion of course conducted by the State Department of Education to inspect existing school facilities, in accordance with the Florida Building Code and State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF).
- ~~Prior experience is required~~ Experience in safety and/or the coordination of fire safety inspections and/or fire protection activities.
- ~~The position requires knowledge~~ Knowledge of the state and federal regulations regarding fire safety, prevention and inspection; ;
- ~~the ability~~ Ability to work with and acquire working knowledge of local governmental procedures and, regulations pertaining to fire safety for students and staff in the schools and other facilities.
- OSHA 10-hour General Industry Training Course Certification ~~is required.~~
- Computer skills ~~are~~ as required for the position.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE:

- An earned master's degree in Fire Science, Safety Engineering or related field from an accredited institution ~~is preferred.~~
- A minimum of six (6) years of progressively responsible management experience and training, within the last ten (10) years, in the field related to the title of the position ~~is preferred.~~
- ~~A degree major in Safety Engineering or related field is preferred.~~
- Certified Safety Professional (CSP) certification ~~is preferred.~~
- Experience with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) ~~is preferred.~~
- Bilingual skills ~~are preferred.~~

SUPERVISION:

All employees assigned to include: Plans Examiner/Inspector, (Fire).

SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS – frequency, contact, purpose, and desired end result:

Frequent interaction with department team, school and District staff to develop, implement and maintain a comprehensive fire prevention program to prepare for and direct the actions of the District in the event of an emergency. Serve as the District's liaison with municipalities, county departments, and other entities in order to facilitate response plans, response effort coordination, and mutual aid agreements as applicable.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Light work: Exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 10 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 10 pounds of force as needed to move objects.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Salary and benefits shall be paid consistent with the District's approved compensation plan. Length of the work year and hours of employment shall be those established by the School Board.

EVALUATION:

Performance will be evaluated in accordance with Board Policy.

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Organizational Chart 2015 – 2016

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