

# Public Education Specialist/ Civilian Fire Inspector

Class Code: 250-21

Bargaining Unit: Non-union Non-Exempt

## SALARY RANGE

\$25.44 - \$38.16 Hourly \$52,915.20 - \$79,372.80 Annually

## **NATURE OF WORK:**

This position is responsible for planning, developing, coordinating, and implementing public fire and life safety education activities and programs on behalf of the City of Appleton Fire Department. Work also involves maintaining continuous contact with area school districts, local and regional safety agencies, the general public, and assisting in information delivery to the media during major emergency incidents. The position carries a high degree of responsibility necessitating considerable technical expertise, judgement, discretion, and coordination of staff and programs. Work also involves conducting inspections to enforce all codes, laws and ordinances pertaining to fire and life safety of public buildings, events, temporary structures and places of assembly that may occur in the City. The incumbent works under the general supervision of the Battalion Chief of Fire Prevention and Public Education.

### **JOB FUNCTIONS:**

#### **ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

- Plans, develops, implements, and presents diverse public fire and life safety education activities and programs which fit the needs of the citizens of Appleton and other target audiences.
- Acts as a liaison between the news media and the Fire Department for non-emergency contact
- Manages department's social media presence, including engaging citizens both proactively and responsively as necessary. Updates department website as needed.
- Assesses community educational needs and works to build community networks to target problems.
- Tracks public education activities, analyzes trends, develops and tracks outcome measures, and prepares appropriate reports.
- Displays and/or demonstrates fire safety apparatus.
- Organizes special events for the Fire Department.
- Develops lesson plans for delivery in educational settings of all levels.
- Oversees implementation of Public Education programs and provides direction and guidance to employees either directly or through chief officers.
- Maintains regular punctual and predictable attendance, works overtime and extra hours as required.
- Conducts routine and special fire inspections of public, commercial, residential, assembly, and target hazard
  occupancies, i.e. schools, day cares, hospitals, high-rises, nursing homes, care facilities, hazardous
  processing, storage, etc. ensuring compliance with local and state codes, and nationally recognized good
  practices and standards.
- Identifies corrective action that must be made to bring properties into compliance with applicable fire codes, laws, regulations, and standards.
- Conducts, supervises and documents regularly scheduled fire drills in identified occupancies.
- Works with other city/state agencies and personnel to consistently interpret and enforce fire and life safety code requirements.

#### **OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS**

- Works with the Battalion Chief of Fire Prevention and Public Education to identify budgetary needs.
- Prepares educational training programs for fire department personnel and trains them for public education activities.
- Assists in the development and delivery of technical programs related to fire code compliance and other educational activities.
- Assists in developing and implementing firefighter recruiting and mentoring strategies.
- Develops the department's annual report.
- Attends training and conferences to maintain competence in the latest educational and fire prevention practices.
- Drafts news releases and provides official statements to the media on departmental and community education activities and initiatives as required.
- Uses area demographics, NFIRS statistics and various diagnostic tools to target area needs and plan appropriate interventions.

# **REQUIREMENTS OF WORK:**

Requires three to five years experience in developing and delivering educational programs (teacher certification preferred), some of which should be in fire prevention (or other safety or emergency response activities) and program development. A bachelor's degree is preferred; or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the following knowledge, skills and abilities:

- Knowledge of fire prevention methods, laws, and ordinances.
- Knowledge of teaching techniques and multimedia equipment and the ability to apply new technologies to public education activities.
- Knowledge of the policies, rules, regulations, and standard operating procedures of the Appleton Fire Department and the City of Appleton.
- Knowledge of inspection and sprinkler applications, life safety codes and city ordinances for developing programs and providing public information.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with people at various levels within and outside the organization.
- Knowledge of and ability to demonstrate life saving techniques.
- Ability to keep accurate records and evaluate impact of public education programs.
- Ability to analyze program delivery and provide constructive feedback to department employees.
- Ability to develop and maintain good working relationships with news media and other agencies.
- Ability to analyze the community's public fire education needs and develop and implement appropriate programs to effectively address those needs.
- Ability to maintain knowledge of fire suppression, prevention and engineering practices.
- Ability to adapt to conflict situations that will result in a positive outcome.
- Ability to plan and schedule work so as not to cause undue budgetary impact.
- · Skill in public speaking and public relations.
- Ability to operate office equipment including but not limited to copiers, computers and software applications.
- Ability to move equipment in excess of 50 pounds including while climbing stairs.
- Ability to work with moderate supervision.
- Ability to obtain Wisconsin Fire Inspector 1 certification
- Ability to assess fire and life safety issues and identify code requirements and alternative methods of achieving compliance.
- Possess and maintain a valid Wisconsin driver's license.

# JOB TASK ANALYSIS:

JOB ANALYSIS/REQUIREMENTS N = NeverJOB TITLE: Civilian Fire Inspector O - Occasionally: 1 to 33% of the time on job REVISED DATE: July 2011 F - Frequently: 34 to 66% of the time on job REVIEW DATE: July 2011 A. PHYSICAL DEMANDS C = Constantly: More than 67% of the time on job Standing Walking 8 8 8 Sitting Sitting
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 Lifting Moderate - max. 25 lbs.
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 Lifting Heavy to moderate - max. 45 lbs.
 Lifting Heavy - max. 65 lbs.
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