

**FIRE CHIEF**  
**Hellsgate Fire District**  
**Star Valley, Arizona**  
**Salary: \$95,750.00**

Situated amidst the stunning landscapes of northern Gila County, Arizona, nestled at the foot of the Mogollon Rim, the Hellsgate Fire District operates within the vibrant community of Star Valley. Positioned between the Town of Payson and the Christopher Creek areas, the Hellsgate Fire District proudly serves 12 diverse communities in the northern region of Gila County.

**About Us:**

Hellsgate Fire District (HFD) operates as a statutory special taxing district, overseen by an elected five-member Board of Directors. While functioning as a distinct governmental entity, the District collaborates closely with the Town of Star Valley and Gila County. HFD operates as a full-time fire department, offering an array of essential services, including fire suppression, rescue operations, hazardous materials response, emergency medical assistance, public education, and risk reduction initiatives across a sprawling area of 35 square miles. With a team of 8 Full-Time Equivalent (FTEs) and a 2024 budget of \$1,549,000, HFD operates seamlessly from its centrally located station, ensuring round-the-clock coverage.

**Position Overview:**

The Fire Chief, appointed by the District Board, serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Fire Department, entrusted with the effective, efficient, and lawful management of the fire district and its personnel. This pivotal role entails providing executive-level leadership, strategic planning, financial stewardship, and operational oversight in alignment with federal, state, and local regulations. The Fire Chief assumes responsibility for the procurement, utilization, and maintenance of all District assets and personnel, prioritizing safety, training, and job performance as paramount concerns.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Ten (10) or more years of experience in fire service operations
- Experience in development and management of budgets, preferably in a governmental setting
- National Registry or Arizona Emergency Medical Technician or Certified Emergency Paramedic
- Valid Arizona Driver's License or ability to obtain prior to employment
- Ability to meet the District's Health and Wellness Standards
- Ability to meet the insurability requirements of the District's insurance carrier
- Primary residency within 20-minute driving time (under normal conditions) from the administration office is desired; however, if not feasible, the position requires residency that allows for active involvement in and accessibility to the community

**Preferred Education & Experience:**

- Associate's degree from an accredited college recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in Fire Science, Business Administration, Public Administration or related subject or equivalent.
- Bachelor's Degree in Fire Administration, Business Administration, Public Administration or other related field
- A minimum of three (3) years administrative, management and supervisory experience at the chief officer level.
- Executive Fire Officer (EFO) or Chief Fire Officer (CFO) designation
- Understanding and working knowledge of statutory requirements of special taxing districts
- Wildland Fire Certifications including any Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Training

For a detailed job description and to obtain our application, kindly visit the Hellsgate Fire District website at <http://hellsgatefire.az.gov>.

To apply, please ensure submission of your application and resume to [info@hellsgatefire.org](mailto:info@hellsgatefire.org) no later than 5:00 PM Arizona time on May 6, 2024. Initial review of applications will begin on May 7, 2024.

Embark on our mission to protect lives and property within our dynamic community. Join the Hellsgate Fire District family today and become an integral part of our team!