

Opening Date: **January 31, 2019**

Closing Date: **February 15, 2019**

# **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

## **MISSOURI DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY**



**TITLE:** Fire Investigator

**LOCATION:** Vernon, Barton, Dade, Cedar, Jasper, Lawrence, Barry & Newton Counties

**SALARY:** \$41,184.00

**DESCRIPTION:**

This is advanced technical work in the investigation of fire losses. An employee in this class works with federal, state and local officials. Applicant will be required to reside in one of these counties.

Some Investigator duties relate to criminal activity; therefore, employees may be exposed to written material, photographs, and/or verbal language of a graphic and/or sexual nature. The work requirements of this position are not intended to create a hostile work environment; however, it is work of an extremely sensitive nature. A copy of the Missouri Division of Fire Safety policy on sexual harassment is available upon request.

**EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:**

Determination of origin and cause of fires, explosions, and related crimes. May make criminal arrests in the course of a fire investigation. Evaluate and present evidence during prosecution. Testimony may be required in criminal and civil court cases. Perform other duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

An applicant for the position of Fire Investigator must meet the following statutory and certification requirements:

MO Revised Statutory Requirements (320.210):

- ◆ Shall be a graduate of an accredited four-year high school, or in lieu thereof, shall have obtained a certificate of equivalency from the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- ◆ Shall be of good moral character.
- ◆ Shall not have been convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude.
- ◆ Shall be a citizen of the United States and shall have been a taxpaying resident of this state for at least three (3) years immediately preceding appointment.
- ◆ Shall possess ordinary physical strength and be able to pass such physical and mental examinations as the State Fire Marshal may prescribe.
- ◆ An investigator shall not hold any other commission or office, elective or appointive, or accept any other employment while an investigator.

**ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:**

- ◆ An investigator shall not accept any compensation, reward, or gift other than his/her regular salary and expenses for the performance of official duties.
- ◆ Police Officer Standard Training (P.O.S.T) Certified.
- ◆ Certified as a Fire Investigator by the Missouri Division of Fire Safety, preferred.
- ◆ Minimum of three (3) years experience in some phase of fire prevention, fire investigation, or criminal investigation. May include service in a public or private agency. An equivalent educational degree may satisfy all or part of the requirement. Qualifying experience and education to be determined by the Director of Fire Safety.
- ◆ Successful completion of a specialized training school on arson detection and investigation by a recognized institution or agency.

Preference may be given to individuals who have completed additional hours of law enforcement training approved by the Department of Public Safety.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

Individuals who wish to be considered for this position must complete a Division of Fire Safety Application for Employment. Applications can be obtained at the Division of Fire Safety, 205 Jefferson Street, Suite 1315, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 or at [www.dfs.dps.mo.gov](http://www.dfs.dps.mo.gov). Completed applications, with any supplemental documents such as a cover letter, resume, college/university transcript(s), including three professional and three personal references must be submitted with the application.

The Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety reserves the right to fill positions through transfer, reclassification, and promotion of existing employees.

**AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT**

The Division of Fire Safety is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will be considered for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability status, or any other non-merit factor.

***The Federal Gun Control Act prohibits any person who has ever been convicted of a misdemeanor involving domestic violence from possessing any firearm or ammunition. The Missouri Division of Fire Safety during the selection process will disqualify applicants who have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving domestic violence.***