

# Welcome to GEARHART



Dear Colleague,

GMP Consultants is assisting the **City of Gearhart, Oregon** in finding a **Division Chief**. Perhaps this is the right time in your career to consider this exciting opportunity. If not, would you please pass this on to others who may be interested?

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

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## WHY APPLY?

This is a unique opportunity to help lead a small-town fire department along the popular northern Oregon coast. Gearhart is a quaint and quiet beach community located along Highway 101, three miles north of the resort town of Seaside. Residents appreciate the small-town feel, slower pace, beautiful scenery, and abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation. Come live where everyone wants to visit and become part of the "Gearhart Fire-Family"—a close-knit team like no other agency around.

# THE GEARHART FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Gearhart Volunteer Fire Department has proudly served the community since 1906. The Department serves a population of 5,000 from two stations across 28 square miles. The Department operates with a 2023 budget of \$833,794, two FTEs (the Fire Chief and Division Chief), and 20 volunteers. The Department responds to approximately 800 annual incidents.

The Department is an "All Hazards Agency" and responds to all emergencies, including fires (structural/wildland), MVA's, technical rescue, water rescue (river and surf), rope rescue, search and rescue, hazmat, weather-related incidents, medical incidents, and public assists.



## THE DIVISION CHIEF OF TRAINING & OPERATIONS

Reporting to the Fire Chief, the Division Chief operates as second in command within the Fire Department and assumes responsibilities in the absence of the Fire Chief. This position will lead and handle all aspects of the Department's Training Division and will deal with all phases of emergency response and operations before and after calls for service.

As Gearhart is an "all-hazard" response department, this will include such incidents as fire suppression, prevention, inspection, medical response, rescue, and emergency operations. This position also participates in fire prevention and inspection activities, equipment, and minor building maintenance, and will respond to community disaster situations, such as weather-related, natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and may be called upon to perform duties beyond those listed in the job description.

The Division Chief is frequently required to fulfill operational duties as a firefighter. The Division Chief also assists in managing the intern and seasonal/part-time firefighter positions and volunteers.



## DESIRED EXPERIENCE

- A high school diploma/GED and 5+ years of fire officer experience.
- Oregon EMR License (EMT preferred), NFPA Firefighter-II, NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations Level Responder, NFPA Pumper Operator, NFPA Instructor I, NFPA Fire Officer I, NWCG FFTI.
- Must live within the Gearhart Fire Protection boundaries or within a five-minute response time to the Pacific Way station or the West Lake/Hertig Station.



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