



Chief of Emergency Medical Services Cheshire County, New Hampshire

Cheshire County, New Hampshire (Population 76,458), is developing an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department that will provide basic and advanced prehospital care and patient transportation to a majority of the County. In addition to emergency response, this service will also provide wheelchair transportation and inter facility transfers. As this service is created, the County is seeking highly qualified candidates to become the first Chief of EMS.

Located in Southwestern New Hampshire, the County encompasses 23 towns and covers 729 square miles. Known for recreational opportunities, this vibrant area has more than 40 restaurants, 92 lakes, 50 miles of navigable water and is home to Mount Monadnock (3,165 ft) which is the second most hiked mountain in the world. The County hosts three universities and more than a dozen seasonal festivals including the world renown Pumpkin Festival, the Monadnock International Film Festival, the Ice and Snow festival and other events focusing on art and music.

Projected operational volume includes the response to 2,200 911 calls, 1,600 inter facility transfers, 600 non-emergency transfers and 1,200 wheelchair transports. As this organization is created, the County expects to employ up to 40 licensed providers and the Department is expected to have a 3.5 million dollar annual operating budget. As an enterprise fund is being utilized to support this service, the Department is expected to be funding through operating revenue and by subscribing municipalities.

The Chief is appointed by and reports to the County Commissioners and is a member of the Leadership team. Candidates must have strong, innovative leadership, conflict resolution, planning and managerial skills combined with excellent interpersonal and communications skills and a sense of social responsibility. A proven, successful record of experience in progressively responsible supervisory, administrative and EMS related supervisory assignments is required.

Minimum qualifications include: Associates' Degree with major coursework in in EMS, Fire, Public or Educational Administration or a related field; Bachelors' preferred; 6 years of EMS experience as a career member in a comparable organization and at least 3 years of experience as a supervisor/manager in a comparable or larger organization. A comparable combination of education and experience will be considered. Candidates must possess or can obtain New Hampshire Registered Emergency Medical Technician-Advanced required; paramedic certification preferred.

Candidates must have demonstrated experience and skill within the following critical areas; budgeting, crafting collaborative interagency relationships, labor management relations, pacing change, incident command and emergency management.

Salary range is \$85,000 to \$110,000 depending upon qualifications and experience. Residency within the County is required within 6 months of appointment. Additional information relating to this opportunity has been posted at <http://www.mrigov.com/career.html>.

A resume and cover letter formatted as a PDF file can be sent to recruitment@mrigov.com. Applications will be accepted until May 2, 2022. All applications for this position will be held in confidence. Cheshire County is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, sexual orientation or age.