



Director, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Position Announcement

THE OPPORTUNITY

The University of Maryland (UMD) invites applications and nominations of well-qualified candidates nationwide for the position of Director, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute.

The Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI) is the State's comprehensive training and education system for emergency services. The Institute plans, researches, develops and delivers quality programs to enhance the ability of emergency services providers to protect life, the environment, and property. MFRI provides state-of-the-art fire, rescue, and emergency medical training programs.

In support of this mission, the MFRI Director will lead and implement a strategic plan to deliver a statewide system of training and education for emergency responders. The Director reports directly to the UMD President.

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Director manages the institute's resources with a budget of over \$10 million that is provided through state, federal and self-supported funding. The Director has four direct reports including two assistant directors who manage the six MFRI sections/units and six regional training centers. The position oversees a total of 65 full-time faculty and staff as well as over 700 state-certified instructors.

The Director communicates with various fire/rescue services and interest groups and maintains an active presence at a state and national level. This position will interface with a variety of stakeholders that includes the community at-large, other agency heads, campus administrators, and elected officials.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION

Master's degree in a relevant field, including fire service, management, or public policy.

At least 10 years of experience with fire, rescue, and emergency medical services, to include experience in both private and public sectors as it relates to educational training programs.

Knowledge of applicable national certification standards and educational systems is required. Excellent interpersonal skills and strong leadership skills are essential. Demonstrated progressively responsible experience in the management and administration of a large organization, preferably in a relevant area.

ABOUT MFRI

MFRI is an entity of the University of Maryland with a headquarters facility and training academy located on the College Park campus. In addition, there are six regional training centers throughout the State located at Edgewood, Cresaptown, Mt. Airy, Centreville, Princess Anne and LaPlata.

MFRI employs 65 full-time faculty and staff supported by over 700 state-certified instructors who deliver programs through site-specific mobile training, or at any of the regional training academies. The College Park Headquarters training facility and the six regional training centers all have classroom and live fire-training facilities with the props and equipment necessary to conduct courses such as confined space training, hazardous materials training, forcible entry training, and fall protection training among others.

The MFRI organization is comprised of six sections that work together to deliver services to a wide variety of customers: Administrative Services; Advanced Life Support; Field Operations; Institute Development; Logistical Support; Special Programs; and Technology and Certification.

For additional information on MFRI, please see the FY 2016 annual report online at <https://www.mfri.org/about/annualreport/annualreport.pdf>.

COMPENSATION

Salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience.

APPLICATIONS, NOMINATIONS, INQUIRIES, AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Interested individuals should submit an online application consisting of a letter of interest, resume, and names and contact information for three references to this secure website: <https://ejobs.umd.edu/postings/54688>.

The best consideration date for this position is October 6, 2017. Applications will continue to be received and reviewed until an appointment is made. The search committee is chaired by Dr. James Milke, Professor and Chair, Department of Fire Protection Engineering.

Nominations or inquires may be directed to Kanitta (Ann) Tonggarwee, Assistant to the President, at ktongga@umd.edu or by telephone at 301-405-5803.

All applications and nominations will be treated in strict confidence. The identity of applicants and nominees will be kept confidential, and references will not be contacted, unless and until the individual reaches the finalist stage of the search process and he or she has given consent for referencing.

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