

Chief Engineer / Assistant Chief Engineer

Elected to Appointed

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The Early Years

- Only requirements – Trained in CPR/First Responders & Hazardous Materials
- Training based on past experiences or material someone read
- Training done in house
- Basic firefighting class at the Mass Fire Academy – one available

No requirements to be a Fire Officer

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New Standards and recommendations issued

- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- International association of Fire Firefighters (IAFF)
- International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)
- Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards (OSHA)



**NATIONAL
FIRE CODES**



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Today's Requirements For Fire Officers

Firefighter I/II

Fire Officer I

Fire Prevention Officer

Basic, Prevention Officer I, Prevention Officer II
Annual refresher training

Hazmat Operational Responder Level

National Incident Management 700 and 800

Incident Command System 100, 200, 300, 400

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Difficult to put requirements on someone running for an elected position

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Questions?

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Full Time Fire Chief

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In 2021 the District hired Municipal Resources Inc.
to complete a needs assessment of the Fire Department

They made the following recommendations in relation to the Full Time Chief

IV-13 "In 2021, the District should begin to build and obtain support to transition from a stipend paid to a full-time 40-hour salary Chiefs position. Our analysis indicates that a full-time Chiefs position is necessary in order to guide the department into a healthy and productive future."

IV-14 "In 2022 the District should support the development of the full-time position of Fire Chief."

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What does your Chief Do

Administrative:

- Documentation
- Request and review quotes from vendors
- Schedule equipment maintenance and certification
- Annual budget
- Training meets requirements
- Retention and Recruitment
- Monthly meetings

Fire Prevention:

- Inspections
- Photovoltaic System Plan Review and Inspection
 - Required as of 2023
 - 108 plan reviews, 85 inspections, 2 energy storage system plan review, and 1 energy storage system inspection since 2023
- Continues code review to ensure we are up to date
- Public fire education program
- Respond to citizen inquires and complaints

Inspection Completed last 3 Years

2022 – 328
 2023 – 434
 2024 - 418

Permits Issued last 3 years

2022 – 202
 2023 – 215
 2024 - 191

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Hours worked

2020 – 1695.57
 2021 – 1920.33
 2022 – 1525.53
 2023 – 1715.55
 2024 – 1959.03

40-hour work week is scheduled to work 2080 hours

Fluctuations in hours due to external obligations

Berkshire County – Departments by Population

Department	Population	Chief	Firefighters
Pittsfield	42142	Full Time	Full Time Staff
North Adams	12730	Full Time	Full Time Staff
Adams	8010	Stipend	Call
Williamstown	7434	Full Time	Call
Great Barrington	6945	Full Time	Full Time & Call
Dalton	6525	Full Time	Full Time & Call
Lee	5664	Full Time	Full Time & Call
Lenox	4944	Full Time	Full Time & Call
Cheshire	3219	Stipend	Cal
Sheffield	3129	Stipend	Call
Lanesborough	2940	Stipend	Call
Hinsdale	1911	Stipend	Call
Stockbridge / West Stockbridge	3147	Full Time	1 Full Time & Call
Becket / Washington	2257	Stipend	Call

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Department	Population	Chief	Firefighters
Clarksburg	1638	Volunteer	Volunteer
Otis	1539	Volunteer	Volunteer
New Marlborough	1458	Stipend	Call
Richmond	1416	Stipend	2 Ft & Call
Egremont / Mount Washington	1362	Stipend	Call
Monterey	924	Stipend	Call
Hancock	896	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sandisfield	891	Stipend	Call
Windsor	834	Stipend	Call
Peru	834	Stipend	Call
Florida	715	Volunteer	Volunteer
Savoy	675	Stipend	Volunteer
Alford	488	Stipend	Stipend
Tyringham	312	Volunteer	Volunteer
New Ashford	223	Stipend	Volunteer

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Berkshire County Departments with current proposals

Monterey:


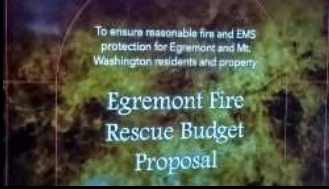
- Full time Chief, full time Deputy and a full time Captain in fy26
- 6 Additional Firefighter/EMT's in fy27

Stockbridge/West Stockbridge :

- Adding 2 additional Full Time Firefighters in fy26
- Expanding to 8 in fy28
- Currently proposing a new station

Egremont :

- Full Time Chief and 2 Full Time Firefighters in fy26

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Questions?

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