



CHOWCHILLA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief: Fred Gaumnitz

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

FIRE ENGINEER

Hourly: \$26.88 - \$34.41

Annual: \$55,910.40 - \$71,572.80

OPENING DATE: March 10, 2026

CLOSING DATE: Until Filled

The Chowchilla Fire Department will be establishing an open Fire Engineer hiring list to fill current and future vacancies. Applicants must meet the minimum qualifications as specified below and in addition to the Fire Engineer Job Description.

Job Summary:

Fire Engineer is the technical working level class in the fire service. Assigned to either the Fire Operations, Training Division, or Fire Prevention. The incumbents drive and operate emergency fire apparatus; conduct fire prevention inspections; test fire equipment; conduct fire investigations; with limited supervisory responsibilities. This class differs from Fire Captain in that incumbents of the latter have full supervisory responsibility for a fire company on a continuing basis. It differs from Firefighter II in that incumbents of the latter perform journey level firefighting duties and acts up in the Fire Engineer position as needed in the protection of life and property.

Performs a variety of hazardous tasks when engaged in combating, extinguishing and preventing fires; in answering emergency medical calls, extricating and rescuing individuals from fires and entrapment, treating the sick and injured, and in operation of and maintenance of fire department equipment, apparatus, quarters: Must be prepared to act up to the rank of Fire Captain as needed and performs other related supervisory duties as required.

Supervision Received:

The Fire Engineer is normally under the direct supervision of the Fire Captain. The Fire Engineer may operate fire apparatus without an assigned fire captain, in which case the Fire Engineer steps into the role of company officer, while supervising subordinates.

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Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

(May include, but are not limited to, the following:)

Drives fire apparatus code 3 to emergency incidents; prepares for pumping fire suppression operations at proper pressure; operates all department apparatus and all devices therein. Inspects fire apparatus pumps and other equipment to ensure that all apparatus is in good working condition and notifies Fire Captain of any defects. Assists in keeping fire station in a clean and orderly condition; maintains an accurate running log of out-of-service streets and hydrants in the City of Chowchilla. Conducts fire prevention inspections of assigned occupancies and tests fire protection equipment; detects hazardous conditions or violations of fire and building ordinances and laws; issues citations and warnings for violations; may conduct training of civilian and fire personnel in applicable fire code regulations, fire inspection methods and procedures, and fire safety. Investigates cause and origin of fires, seeking evidence of arson or of fire code violations; prepares follow-up correction notices and letters pertaining to initial inspections; Performs related duties as required.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Currently employed as a Fire Engineer (or equivalent rank) with a fire suppression government agency for a minimum of one (1) year and have completed probation within that rank or three years of Volunteer Firefighting for the CVFD with a minimum of one (1) year as a Fire Engineer and have completed probation within that rank.
- Must have High School Diploma / GED
- Must possess a current Basic Life Support (BLS) certification and First Aid Certificate or higher certification by appointment.
- California State Fire Marshal (CSFM) Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator 1A & 1B certification or equivalent.
- Must possess a valid California Driver License at time of application, and maintain a firefighter endorsement from the DMV while employed with the Department.
- Possession of a CSFM Firefighter 1 Certification or equivalent.

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Desirable Qualifications:

The desirable candidate possesses a CSFM Driver Operator Water Tender, Aerial and Wildland Driver Operator Certification and possess a current Cal-JAC CPAT card at time of application. Is both engaged and focused on providing exceptional service to the community. The candidate will exhibit integrity and strong ethical standards and has a solid work history with demonstrated teamwork. He / she is reliable, dependable, a strong problem solver and has a history of making good choices. Bilingual skills are highly desirable.

Probationary Period:

All appointees to the position of Fire Engineer must successfully complete a probationary period as defined below:

All probationary employees will be evaluated by their supervisor during the probation period. All 56-hour employees shall complete 2,912 regular time hours of evaluation and successfully complete the following, prior to the completion of probation in the rank of Fire Engineer and gaining permanent employment status with the Department:

- CFD Firefighter Individual Performance Evaluations (IPE)
- CFD Driver Operator task book

Probationary employees are At-Will employees until which time they achieve permanent employment status. The Fire Engineer who has been appointed from an eligible list and has satisfactorily completed the probationary requirements described above and possess all Minimum Qualifications described in this job announcement will become permanent.

Applications are now being accepted in person or postal delivery for this position and must be filed with the Human Resources at 130 S 2nd St. Chowchilla CA. A resume and supporting documentation as required in the Job Announcement Minimum Qualifications (MQ) must be submitted at the time of filing an application. This position will remain open until filled.

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Preference Points: Military/Veterans/CVFD Members:

Military/Veterans: The candidate, upon showing proof of military service and/or prior service with an honorable discharge and involved duties and responsibilities of the kind for which military or veteran's preference points will be awarded.

Any applicant seeking the benefits of this section must submit proof of their eligibility at the time of application, or at a later date if the Fire Chief shall find that the promulgation of the hiring list will not be delayed thereby. Candidates requesting military/veteran's preference will be required to submit a certified copy of the form DD-214.

CVFD Members: The candidate, upon showing proof of CVFD membership and/or prior membership, in good standing and involved duties and responsibilities of the kind for which CVFD Members preference points will be awarded.

Equal Opportunity Employer: The City of Chowchilla is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Consistent with federal and State law, the District does not discriminate in employment decisions based on race, color, religion, political affiliation, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, disability, or any other protected category recognized by federal or State law.