



FIRE CHIEF/FIRE MARSHAL
UNION FIRE DISTRICT, MISSOURI

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Fire Chief/Fire Marshal, Union Fire District, MO (approximately 20,000). With both an urban and rural community setting in the "Heart of Franklin County," Union MO is the County Seat for Franklin County in Missouri. The district is approximately 40% agricultural, 45 percent residential and 15% industrial. The District is located just 45-minutes west of St. Louis MO and covers over 96 mi². The growth in the residential sector of the District has been booming in recent years.

The Board and members are seeking a fire service and EMS leader prepared to meet the demands of a district that also includes several Ameren (Utility Provider) substations, the East Central College campus, and four major petroleum pipelines (Explorer, ConocoPhillips, Missouri Pipeline and Enbridge). The Franklin County Sheriff's Office also runs an Adult Corrections Center within the district. The next Fire Chief/Fire Marshal will be an individual with a clear and dynamic vision for providing excellent, proactive emergency services. The position offers the ideal candidate the chance to build on a strong tradition of excellence as the area continues to evolve.

FRANKLIN COUNTY MO AND UNION MO

Nestled in the east central portion of Missouri, Franklin County provides a unique environment for the style of living that anyone would desire. Franklin County is a suburban county of the St. Louis metropolitan area that provides both rural and urban living opportunities. The county was named after Benjamin Franklin and was organized in 1818. The current overall population of Franklin County is 104,682.

The district is in the heart of Franklin County and covers approximately 96 mi² of the overall 931 mi² of land. Franklin County is the fourth largest county in the entire state of Missouri. The county is located in the Ozarks region, with steep hills and deep valleys, caves, springs that are characteristic of karst areas. Urbanization is increasing in the county, especially surrounding Washington, and Union along Interstate 44 west of St. Louis.

Manufacturing accounts for the most (23.8%) employment in Franklin County, primarily in the cities of Washington and Union, followed by trade, transportation, and utilities (18.8%), education and health care (17.7%), and construction (11.3%). The biggest employers in Franklin County are the manufacturing firms of Magnet LLC, Cardinal Brands Hazel Division, GDX Automotive, Sporlan Valve Company, Esselte, Silgan, Buddeez, and Meramec Group Inc. as well as the [Meramec Valley R-III School District](#) in the public education sector and Schatz Underground Cable Inc. in the construction industry. Small farms and wineries also greatly contribute to the economy in Franklin County.

Franklin County also welcomes many visitors during the mild weather months for a variety of attractions. The Robertsville State Park and Meramec State Park, among many private recreational businesses, provide opportunities to camp, fish, and float along the scenic Meramec River. Communities in Franklin County also offer a great deal of tourist possibilities for events such as fairs, festivals, and entertainment.

Union is the county seat of Franklin County; MO. Union covers 9.16 mi² and has a population of 12,348. The city is located on the northwest side of the Bourbeuse River. US Route 50 passes through the city and I-44 is approximately five miles to the east. [Washington](#), on the [Missouri River](#), is seven miles to the north on Missouri Route 47. Union identifies with the welcome of "A Great Place for U."

Union has numerous public parks featuring access to the Bourbeuse River with natural walking trails though many acres of secluded forest. In the summer months of May through September, residents and visitors enjoy Splash Park and [Splash-n-Swimplex](#) for family enjoyment and cooling off. Many of the parks feature rentable pavilions, picnic shelters, playgrounds, soccer fields, baseball/softball fields, basketball courts, horseshoe pits, outdoor exercise equipment and many walking trails, some of which are lit for an evening stroll. Fishing is very abundant with that access to the river through the parks.

EDUCATION

Union's public secondary school is [Union High School](#) (The UHS Wildcats), which enrolls ninth through twelfth grades. There is one public middle school (The UMS Wildcats) serving sixth through eighth grades, and two public elementary schools (Central Elementary and Prairie Dell Elementary, also the Wildcats) with both serving kindergarten through fifth grades. Union also has one private Catholic school, Immaculate Conception (Serving Pre-K to eighth grade).

Union is home to [East Central College](#), which offers two-year degrees and certificates. [Central Methodist University](#) has an extension on the ECC campus. Union is also home to an extension of [Missouri Baptist University](#). Union has a [public library](#), a branch of the Scenic Regional Library System.

BY THE NUMBERS

Housing Units: **46,218**

Median Home Value: **\$201,700**

Median Income: **\$70,111**

Population:

White **96.2%**

African American/Black **1%**

Hispanic **2.1%**

Asian **.6%**

American Indian **.5%**

Population/mi2: **113.5**

UNION FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

A 3-member Board of Directors govern the District.

The District staff includes the Fire Chief/Fire Marshal, Deputy Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, Division Chief/Inspector, and an Executive Secretary.

Operations are set from (3) active fire stations (property is owned for a 4th future station) staffed by career and volunteer firefighters and firefighter/EMT's. Station 1 and 3 are staffed with career members and Station 2 is staffed with volunteers. The District passed a referendum for a tax increase in 2018 to provide full-time staffing at Station 3.

The District features a current inventory of response apparatus including a 75' Quint, (3) Engines/Pumpers, (2) Tenders, (2) Brush Trucks and the UASI Strike Team 5 Technical Rescue tractor trailer covering Trench, Structural Collapse, Confined Space rescues and air cascade and light tower support features. Calls for service are over 1,800 per year.

The department provides primary EMS response along with the Union Ambulance District (separate agency, 4,300+ calls annually, 3 ALS staffed ambulances daily). EMS system certification services are provided by SSM Health who operates in Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin. Both the Union Fire District and Union Ambulance District line staff are members of IAFF Local 2665.





QUALIFIED CANDIDATES SHOULD HAVE:

- A bachelor's degree in public safety administration or related field from an accredited college or university. A master's degree is preferred.
- Experience in a managerial role in the fire and emergency medical services, including a minimum of five years of experience in a progressively responsible command/supervisory positions at the rank of Deputy Fire Chief, Battalion Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, or equivalent duties and responsibilities commensurate with the position.
- The successful completion of Missouri Fire Officer 1 and 2 certification and/or Chief Fire Officer Designation is desired.
- Experience as an innovative, collaborative fire/EMS leader with demonstrated staff management, interpersonal and customer service skills.
- Well-developed writing and public speaking skills and the utmost integrity.

The starting salary range is \$81,500 +/- DOQ. Benefits include L6 Lagers retirement, full medical, vision and dental. Residency is required in the district.

Candidates should apply by June 14, 2024 @ 1700 hours CST with resume, cover letter and contact information for five work-related, or professional references to www.GovHRjobs.com to the attention of T.E. Sashko, Recruitment Coordinator, GovHR USA, 630 Dundee Road, #225, Northbrook, IL 60062. Questions, Contact T.E. Sashko @ (847)380-3240x123. The Union Fire Protection District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

