



The Pedernales Fire Department, all-hazards organization serving Travis County ESD #8 & ESD #16, is seeking qualified applicants for the newly created position of Assistant Fire Chief. The stunning area is located approximately 30 minutes west of Austin, comes with rugged hills, beautiful Texas hill country landscape and home to local resident music legend Willie Nelson. ESD #8 & ESD #16 is one of 14 Emergency Services Districts in Travis County and serves fifty-five square miles in the southwestern sector of Travis County.

The organization and community seeks a servant leader of impeccable character who can build relationships internally and externally and puts the success of others before their own. The new Assistant Fire Chief must be a passionate fire safety expert with the skills to inspire staff to outstanding performance, while supporting the Chief and department in meeting strategic objectives. The Assistant Chief is a newly created position that will serve primarily as a “hands on” Operations Chief, overseeing fire company operations and community risk reduction efforts while participating in the overall administration of the department. Pedernales Fire Department is a career department comprised of 35 firefighters, three Battalion Chiefs, a business manager, an administrative assistant, and a special projects officer.

Currently, the Pedernales Fire Department operates out of one headquarters fire station and two additional sub-stations. All three fire stations are staffed twenty-four hours per day. Two of the stations are staffed with 4 personnel and one is staffed with three personnel. Other facilities include a smoke house training building, a two-story roof ventilation prop, and vehicle fire and extrication props. The department’s fleet consists of four Engines, four Brush Trucks, two Tenders, two Command vehicles, Jet Ski’s, support vehicle and a Fire/Rescue Boat.

The Pedernales Fire Department provides a variety of services including fire suppression, EMS first response, wilderness rescue, high angle rescue, water rescue, and marine fire suppression. Public education activities include Public Safety discussions, CPR, and First Aid training. The Travis County Fire Marshal’s Office provides code enforcement, investigations, and plan reviews.

The Pedernales Fire Department/ESD #8 & ESD #16 is funded primarily through collection of ad valorem property taxes (\$.0906/\$100 property value) and a district sales tax. Emergency Services District #8 & # ESD #16 is governed by a very supportive, five-member Board of Commissioners that meets monthly to ensure proper fiscal oversight of taxpayer funds.

The Pedernales Fire Department will provide a competitive salary commensurate with experience. The application period begins on October 15, 2021 and will remain open until filled. The most qualified candidates will be invited to an assessment center, with the final selection by the Fire Chief. The Pedernales/ESD #8 & ESD #16 anticipates a start date for the position to be within two weeks of acceptance of a conditional job offer.

The starting salary will depend on experience and qualifications and is up to \$101,920. The Pedernales Falls Fire Department/ESD #8 & ESD #16 provides an excellent benefits package. To apply, go to [Pedernales Fire Chief Application](#). All applications must be fully completed and submitted online via the application portal.

THE PEDERNALES FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT/TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #8 AND #16 IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.