

POLICE CHIEF - AKRON, OHIO

The City of Akron was incorporated in 1835, and is the fifth largest city in the State of Ohio with a population of 217,000. Located 39 miles south of Cleveland, Akron is situated on the Ohio and Erie Canal and Little Cuyahoga River. Covering an area of 62 square miles, Akron's downtown is dominated by hospitals, financial and government institutions, and hotels. Redevelopment projects include a rich mix of restaurants, shopping centers and an entertainment district. Downtown Akron boasts the Akron Civic Theatre, one of only five remaining atmospheric theatres in the country; the Akron Library, recognized as one of the finest public libraries in the United States; the state-of-the-art Akron Art Museum which hosts the finest modern art collection in the region; and Canal Park Stadium, home to the Cleveland Indians' AA minor league baseball team, the Akron Aeros. Industries spawned in the 1800s continue to influence Akron's revitalized economy today. Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and the University of Akron have distinguished the city as the center for polymer research, development and technology. See <http://www.greaterakronrelo.com/> to learn more about Akron.

Akron has a Mayor-Council form of government, with thirteen members of council. Akron's Police Chief reports to the Mayor, who is serving his fifth term and is a former president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The Police Chief has management oversight of an annual operating budget of more than \$50 million, and a staff of 494 employees (448 sworn). There are an additional 41 reserve officers.

The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) has just completed a management study of the department. See <http://publicsafety.ci.akron.oh.us/police/annualreports/index.html> to view the 2009 Police Division Annual Report and the PERF report.

The successful candidate should be a proven leader with strong organizational, communication and management skills, with a track record of working effectively in a strong labor environment and with members of the community in a multi-cultural city. Requirements include experience with and a strong commitment to innovation, technology and community involvement and the ability to implement organizational change, including those identified in the PERF report.

Ten years of management/command level experience in police services, including at least two years equivalent to deputy chief or above and completion of a police leadership development program are required. Candidates must have OPOTC certification or have served as an appointed peace officer with another agency.

The Police Chief is a classified Civil Service position for renewable four (4) year contracts. The current salary range is \$101,940 to \$113,921. The City of Akron offers a generous benefits package. **Please note: Under Ohio's Open Records laws, all application materials may be subject to public disclosure.**

The Police Executive Research Forum is assisting the city in the selection process. Applications will be accepted until January 31, 2011. The City of Akron values diversity in its workforce, and women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Applications and the City's detailed job posting are available via the city's website, www.akronohio.gov/person.html. Questions can be directed to Patti Ambrose Rubright at 330-375-2780 or Charlotte Lansinger at clansinger@aol.com. Send a completed city application, cover letter and resume summarizing your qualifications, to:

employment@akronohio.gov

or

City of Akron Personnel Department Applications Office;
Suite 130 CitiCenter, 146 South High Street, Akron, Ohio 44308
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