

Chief of Police
Recruitment Notice

The City of Galax is seeking an experienced, progressive leader focused on community policing to serve as Police Chief of a full service, accredited agency. Galax is an independent city in the southwestern part of the Commonwealth of Virginia with a population of approximately 6,700. This position performs complex professional work with strategic and long range planning, budgeting, organizing and directing all police operations; handling personnel and public information matters; ensuring that all laws, regulations and procedures are followed; coordinating work with other law enforcement agencies, City, State and Federal officials; setting policies and goals under the general direction of the City Manager; familiarity with the Virginia Law Enforcement Accreditation program, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Certified Crime Prevention Community, and data driven models of policing. Must have the ability to command respect of the officers and to assign, direct and supervise their work; ability to deal with the public courteously and firmly and to establish and maintain satisfactory public relations; ability to analyze complex police problems and situations and to adopt quick, effective and reasonable courses of action.

Minimum requirements: A bachelor's degree with coursework in criminal justice, or related field and extensive experience of a progressively responsible administrative and managerial nature in law enforcement, or equivalent combination of education and experience. Must hold a valid law enforcement officer certification from the Virginia DCJS, or be eligible for certification within 12 months of employment. Possession of a valid driver's license. Selected applicants will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation.

Application, complete job description, and full listing of benefits are available at 111 E. Grayson St. or online at www.galaxva.com/employment. Submit a completed application, release form, resume', and letter of interest to City of Galax, Judy Bolt, Human Resources Director, 111 E. Grayson Street, Galax VA 24333, or email to jbolt@galaxva.com. The position is open until filled.

The City of Galax offers a competitive salary and benefit package. Salary will be commensurate with education and experience. Equal Opportunity Employer