

# NOW HIRING: Life Safety Specialist



The Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District is a thriving organization located on the Southwest Florida Coast. The District is an international tourist destination with approximately 10,000 full-time residents calling Fort Myers Beach home year-round. The District's population swells to over 40,000 when seasonal tourists and part-time residents converge on our sandy shores for 6-9 months a year. The District is a diverse, unique, and picturesque beachside community that is looking for a Life Safety Specialist to join our team.



The District is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Life Safety Specialist. This position will be required to review technical plans related to construction to ensure compliance with laws, rules, and codes adopted by the Florida State Fire Marshal. The position conducts compliance inspections of new and existing structures for the purpose of maintaining compliance with the Florida Fire Prevention Code, and other

applicable National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards.

The Life Safety Specialist requires thorough knowledge of building and construction activities, expertise in fire protection systems, devices, building materials, egress, fire/smoke ratings, lighting, occupant safety, and chemical or material storage to assess adequate fire safety construction.

The Life Safety Specialist maintains a constant state of readiness, being immediately available to the District and the Community during scheduled work hours, which may include radio, phone, email, or text. The Life Safety Specialist may be assigned a support role within the District's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) within the Incident Management System (IMS).

The Life Safety Specialist is expected to maintain open and frequent communication with all ranks and team members, always speaking and representing the very best aspects of the organization. The incumbent must be willing to put personal motives aside to act and speak for the overall good of the District, representing all ranks, positions, and team members in the most positive light. Further, this individual will display humility, vowing to be a lifelong learner not only of the fire service overall, but of our District, Community, and Team Members. A strong sense of ethics, integrity, honesty, straightforwardness, and moral stature are also required.



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## ***Duties & Responsibilities:***

- Drive and operate District staff vehicles in compliance with all applicable District rules and state laws.
- Maintains electronic records of all personnel actions.
- Performs field inspections of new and existing structures and facilities.
- Uses technical knowledge to determine if quantity of materials, workmanship and safety precautions are adequate to meet established fire and life safety standards.
- Responsible for ensuring that all inspection records are accurate and complete.
- Promotes good public relations.
- Responsible for ensuring compliance with NFPA Standards, Florida Administrative Code (FAC), Florida Statutes, and the Florida Fire Prevention Code.
- Conducts fire plan review of building plans and fire protection systems for the purpose of ensuring compliance with associated standards.
- Consults with owners, contractors, and engineers to identify problems or violations; discusses and makes necessary recommendations; assures corrective action is taken.
- Supervises inspections of buildings and facilities under construction, alteration and/or repair for compliance with adopted code requirements and for the safe application of construction practices.
- Investigates complaints related to fire hazard or code violations, makes recommendations, issues notifications, and conducts follow up inspections.



For a complete list of job responsibilities, working conditions, and physical activities, please review the District's Life Safety Specialist Job Description.

## ***Minimum Job Qualifications:***

- High School Diploma, or equivalent.
- Possess a Florida Fire Inspector I certification.
- Must possess a valid Florida Driver's License, or obtain one within 30 days of employment.

## ***Additional Licenses, Certifications, and Other Requirements:***

- NIMS IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800, within two (2) years of employment.
- Car Seat Safety Technician, within one (1) year of employment.
- Applicants claiming veterans' preference must submit a DD214 form or documentation of active or reserved duty status at the time of their application.

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## ***Preferred Qualifications:***

- Associate's Degree in Fire Protection Technology or Business Administration is preferred.
- Previous fire prevention experience, with a concentration on plan review.

## ***Background Investigation:***

Psychological exam, drug screening, Polygraph, and extensive background investigation will also be required of selected candidates being considered for hire.

## ***Benefits:***

The District offers a competitive benefits package and market-driven wage range for all positions; some of the benefits associated with this position are as follows:

- This position is part of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) Regular Classification
- Group Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance with generous District provided dependent coverage options
- Paid Time Off
- Position is part of a Collective Bargaining Agreement

## ***Wages:***

The starting wage for this position is \$76,232.

## ***Application Process:***

Applications are available online at [www.fmbfirefl.gov](http://www.fmbfirefl.gov)

Applications must be filled out completely to include any identified supplemental information. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. The position may remain open until filled, however, the first round of applications must be received by **4:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on June 30, 2023**. Submittal of applications can be via e-mail or US Postal Service (or equivalent) or in person. To submit your application online, please send your completed application with any required documents and supplemental documentation to [apply@fmbfirefl.gov](mailto:apply@fmbfirefl.gov)

The organization will screen applications as they are received and notify the candidate of receipt. All application information will remain confidential, and references will not be contacted until finalists are chosen, except where the law prohibits it. All dates are subject to change.

***Further date notifications and schedules will be made after the application.  
Persons needing accommodations to apply should contact Administration at 239-590-4210.  
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