

Ontwa Township and the Village of Edwardsburg are seeking an individual with a high level of professional ethics, integrity and proven leadership and management skills to serve as its new Chief of Police.

Ontwa Township is an idyllic southwestern Michigan community with Blue Ribbon designated schools, located minutes from South Bend and Notre Dame, Indiana; home to Notre Dame University, Saint Mary's College, Indiana University of South Bend and numerous high-tech incubators.

With a population of over 7,800, the Township includes the Village of Edwardsburg and the unincorporated area of Adamsville. The township encompasses 24 square miles in the southern part of Cass County, bordering St. Joseph County and Elkhart County, Indiana.

Key Responsibilities:

The Chief is responsible for directing the law enforcement activities of the department. Work includes establishing departmental goals; planning, developing and directing a comprehensive program of police administration; setting policy; planning for and implementing special enforcement activities; preparing special state, federal and local reports; analyzing crime and accident trends; cooperating with other law enforcement agencies; maintaining community outreach; preparing and managing budgets; responsibility for all police activities, police personnel and staff development.

Desired Skills and Qualifications:

The candidate must possess well developed interpersonal communication and community engagement skills and extensive command experience, and be a cooperative, collaborative, and strong leader.

The successful candidate will possess a Bachelor's Degree in Police Science, Criminal Justice or a related field, from an accredited College or University, or graduation from a senior police leadership program such as the FBI National Academy, Police Staff and Command; a minimum of 5 years of Command Staff experience with a comparable police agency, or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities with progressively responsible experience in police work including considerable management and supervisory experience.

Finalists will be subject to a complete physical examination, psychological evaluation, background investigation, and oral interview and must be a Certified Police Officer in the state in which they are currently working and become MCOLES Certified within sixty (60) days of employment.

The Chief of Police is appointed by the Village President and Township Supervisor with the advice and consent of the police board. Please submit letter of interest, resume, along with copies of certifications of degrees and/or diplomas from colleges and professional institutions; five (5) year salary history; and minimum of five (5) professional references with contact information to:

ontwatownshiphr@gmail.com or mail to Ontwa Township, PO Box 209, Edwardsburg, MI 49112. For questions call 269-663-2347. The position is opened until filled. First review of applicants is scheduled for April 21, 2017.

Compensation/Benefits – Health Insurance, retirement benefits, starting salary - DOQ/E, EOE