



The Town of Atlantic Beach, SC, is seeking candidates to serve as Police Chief.

Job Title: Police Chief

Salary Range: Up to \$70,000

Benefits: Vision, Medical, Dental, Life Insurance, Retirement

Job Type: Full- Time

Town Profile

The Town of Atlantic Beach is a fast- growing town in the fastest county in South Carolina. Atlantic Beach, South Carolina is a historic African American coastal community nestled in Horry County. Founded in 1934 when Mr. George W. Tyson, an African American entrepreneur, purchased the current parcel of land from Mr. R. V. Ward, local white business associate. Atlantic Beach was established as a segregated community for “colored” workers. These workers were prohibited by law from sleeping or eating at other beaches along the Grand Strand where they cleaned, cooked, and cared for the white beach goers and their guests. These men and women developed a new community, created businesses, built homes organized governance, and invited others to visit them. Atlantic Beach grew and flourished becoming one of the most popular vacation destinations for African Americans.

Challenges to these glory days were varied. In 1954, Hurricane Hazel destroyed many homes and businesses along the oceanfront. In the 1960s desegregation destroyed the identity with the “Black Pearl” as African Americans left Atlantic Beach for other destinations they were not allowed to visit earlier. This loss of visitors led to disinvestment in Atlantic Beach, however the community spirit was not lost. In 1966, Atlantic Beach was incorporated into an independent municipality. Despite many racial challenges, physical barriers, infrastructural exclusion, environmental injustices, political omissions, social challenges and financial challenges, Atlantic Beach has remained an independent African American owned and governed community for 90 years.

Today, the Atlantic Beach community is experiencing economic growth and revitalization. New homes are being constructed, property values are increasing, the community history is being

recognized and documented, and neighbors are reconnecting. Atlantic Beach is a community, proudly cherishing its past and preparing for its future.

Job Duties

The Town of Atlantic Beach is accepting applications for a Police Chief. The candidate will be responsible for the effective and professional management and development of the Town's Police Department. The successful candidate will supervise, train, direct, counsel, evaluate, and discipline subordinates. Consult with the Town Administrator and Town.

Qualifications

HS Diploma, GED, or equivalent. SC Class 1 certified through the SC Criminal Justice Academy with at least 10 years law enforcement experience, with 3 years in a management supervisory capacity. Other military or private sector supervisory experiences may be considered.

College education is preferred but not necessary for the position. Must be able to successfully complete a background check, credit check, drug screening and possess a valid SC driver's license. No criminal record and the driving record must reflect responsible driving. A current out of state police certificate may be considered if you meet the minimum requirements for the police chief and can successfully complete SCCJA class 1 certification process within 60 days of registration, including all screening and background requirements.

Submit letter of interest, resume and three references to cheryl@townofatlanticbeachsc.com.