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Description

Job Title Fire/Life Safety Officer

Department Environmental Health & Safety

Location PP 170

Work Unit Description

Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) supports safety and environmental responsibilities at OHSU. EHS programs focus on occupant and facility safety, regulatory compliance, and sustainable practices. The team of safety professionals works to prevent accidents and injuries, minimize exposures to hazardous conditions and substances, reduce the institutional impact on the environment, provide regulatory compliance expertise, and promote an integrated culture of safety. Services include policy management; training, education and outreach; hazardous waste collection; regulatory consultation; and establishing tools and services that allow the organization to recognize and address health and safety hazards. The programs are organized under general health and safety, fire safety, hazardous waste, biological safety, chemical safety, environmental protection, and radiation safety.

Work Schedule, Hours, FTE, Salary Range

- FTE: 1.0, Full Time
- Schedule: Monday - Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Location: Portland, OR (Marquam Hill Campus)
- Salary Range: \$73,055 - \$109,584/yr
- Job Type: Unclassified

Functions/Duties of Position

Position overview:

This position will work in the Environmental Health & Safety program (EHS) with duties that encompass all missions of OHSU. EHS oversees/manages programs and policies aimed at minimizing safety, health, environmental, and regulatory risks to the OHSU community. The EHS program encompasses chemical, biosafety, fire/life safety, radiation safety, as well as general safety oversight across the University. Projects and/or responsibilities in other program areas may also be assigned.

The Fire/Life Safety Officer will act as an advanced professional resource and provide EHS services under the direction of EHS leadership. This position works independently and acts as an advanced professional and program resource in a specialized and detailed capacity, providing guidance, review, training, and final determination/resolution in assigned areas of responsibility to determine conformity with federal and state regulations and OHSU policies. With a focus on Fire Safety and Life Safety Code requirements, emphasis will be placed on coordinating, evaluating and effectively managing health and life/safety programs within this scope. This position will be significantly embedded in the healthcare environment with additional programmatic duties that span across all mission areas.

Responsibilities include:

- Develop, implement, and monitor the OHSU Fire/Life Safety Program. This includes policies, fire drill programs, and associated education.
- Examine, review, and comment on construction project plans to ensure compliance with the applicable fire, building, and any other applicable technical codes, standards, laws and regulations (e.g. OARs, 2012 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, Oregon Fire Code, IBC) and evaluate for operational and compliance impact to fire protection systems, access, egress, general storage, special occupancies and hazards, and the storage and use of hazardous materials.
- Consult with stakeholders to ensure current and future plans integrate with a comprehensive fire and life safety strategy. This may include coordination with Facilities, Design and Construction, Regulatory Affairs, Risk Management, and others to discuss project scope, schedule, phasing, staging, specific site issues, insurance carrier inspections, and pertinent code issues.
- Expert life/safety support and programmatic consultation to OHSU locations, functioning as a key stakeholder for regulatory compliance programs under the direction of the OHSU EHS leadership and Healthcare Safety Officer.
- Providing interpretation, life/safety support and technical consultation to OHSU locations and stakeholders to monitor and promote compliance with regulatory standards, including integration with overall regulatory activities and performance improvement initiatives.
- Hazardous materials and waste guidance, as regards to fire code
- Lead organizational efforts for fire related investigations and response to employee safety complaints and concerns raised internally or externally (i.e., agencies such as Portland Fire Bureau).
- Represent OHSU during regulatory inspections including DNV-GL, The Joint Commission, Portland Fire Bureau, State of Oregon Fire Marshal's Office, CMS, and other Authorities Having Jurisdiction. Provide onsite support during surveys and provide guidance for post survey activities, such as plan of correction and data collection to support evidence of standard compliance. Perform or accompany regulators on surveys, field verifications, and inspections; manages plans of action for identified fire and life safety deficiencies.
- Manage ongoing gap analysis of building design versus current occupant use to identify deficiencies and facilitate performance improvement activities.
- Review, evaluate, and create plans for addressing code changes and interpretations.
- Maintain expert knowledge of LSC, CMS, DNV-GL, and TJC requirements and specifications and serve as subject matter expert for advisement on code requirements.
- Serve as lead on delivering professional training and education for internal groups to promoting a culture of safety.

The primary work location is the Marquam Hill Campus located in Portland, Oregon, and will have a strong focus on healthcare operations on Marquam Hill, South Waterfront, as well as clinical locations throughout the Portland area. Additional responsibilities in the academic, research, and central service spaces that require health and safety services may also be assigned at any OHSU location.

Job Requirements

Required:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent focused on fire protection engineering or equivalent
- 7 years of related experience
- Knowledge and experience in:
 - Fire protection engineering principles and application
 - Design, construction and maintenance of buildings and systems as they relate to fire safety and building codes
 - Interpretation and application of current federal, state, and local laws, regulations, guidelines and standards related to fire and life safety (e.g.

NFPA, ASHRAE, CMS, DNV-GL, The Joint Commission, IBC)

- Emergency management experience
- Ability accurately and independently understand, digest and communicate complex regulations and requirements to individuals and groups at all levels of the University.
- Ability to interact in a positive, productive manner with internal and external stakeholders, providing superior customer service and guidance, direction, and alternatives while maintaining compliance
- Demonstrate excellent organizational skills with an ability to effectively prioritize complex tasks/projects and work calmly under pressure, both independently and in a team environment and drive projects to completion in a timely, complete, and high quality fashion
- Demonstrate professional oral and written communication skills, effective interpersonal skills, and an ability to thoroughly research, interpret, and implement initiatives, programs, and policies
- Advanced proficiency with electronic systems and software
- Have or obtain within 2 years of hire (and maintain) applicable or related certification, such as FSM or CSP
- NFPA code training
- Code of conduct
- Respect in the workplace
- Applicable policies, procedures and agreements related to position, department or OHSU as a whole

Preferred:

- Advanced degree focused on fire protection engineering or equivalent
- Fire and life safety experience at an academic medical center
- Demonstrated leadership and formal/informal influence skills
- Expert knowledge in federal and state laws, regulations, and guidance relating to safety and related areas
- Experience in construction plan review for building construction, fire protection systems, and hazardous materials
- A resourceful professional who stays current with information, technology, trends and developments in the field and recommends applicable and reasonable process changes
- NIMS training
- Registered as a Certified Oregon Fire Protection Engineer
- Certified Building Inspector or equivalent
- CHFM, CHSP, CSP
- NFPA program certification
- Certified Fire Protection Specialist (CFPS)

Additional Details

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