

Chief of Police Opa-Locka, FL

A national search is underway to attract a highly qualified candidate to lead the Opa-Locka Police Department in Southeast Florida. The City of Opa-Locka covers 4.5 square miles and has a population of more than 16,000 people and 1,600 businesses. Close to everything, Opa-Locka is a transportation hub with 70% of the city zoned commercial-industrial. Opa-Locka is one of the most ethnically diverse cities in the United States. The Chief of Police is an "at-will" position appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the City Manager. With a \$4.7 million budget, the Chief oversees an authorized staff of 54 sworn officers and ten civilian employees. The next Chief must have impeccable integrity and a strong background in implementing and strengthening community policing. The Chief will be an effective communicator both inside the department and in the community. Any combination of experience and education that provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to qualify is ten (10) years as a sworn police officer with three (3) years of management or command level experience. A bachelor's degree may be an advantage. *The salary is under review but will be competitive.* The first review of Candidates will be on December 21, 2021. The position is considered "open" until a final selection is made. Candidates are strongly encouraged to apply early for optimal consideration. Only the most highly qualified candidates will be invited to participate in the selection process anticipated in January 2022. Electronic submittals should be sent to apply@publicsectorsearch.com and should include a cover letter, resume, and list of professional references. Confidential inquiries are welcome and encouraged to Mr. Gary Peterson (Chief of Police, ret.) at (916) 789-9990 (office) or (916) 622-5323 (cell). Alternatively, contact Mr. Peterson via email at gary@publicsectorsearch.com.