**CITY OF WALLA WALLA, WA**

**POLICE CHIEF**

The Walla Walla Valley is a place where scenic beauty, incredible wineries, enticing restaurants, cultural inspiration, outdoor adventures, and small-town friendliness come together. A vibrant reflection of the past and the present, downtown Walla Walla is the place to discover what makes the City so special. A walk down tree-lined streets reveals an eclectic mix of vintage shops, boutiques, cafes, bookstores, tasting rooms, and restaurants. Downtown Walla Walla has been recognized time and again as one of the best small-town Main Streets in the country.

The City Manager is looking for a new Chief who will build on the successes of the Department and examine, with members of the Department, contemporary and innovative approaches to law enforcement. Increased diversity within the Department is a key objective and candidates should be prepared to present approaches to achieve this. The ideal candidate for Police Chief will be an effective leader capable of gaining the trust and respect of members of the community and Department. A Chief who embraces community policing and works with individuals and groups in the community to promote the health and welfare of the residents of Walla Walla is being sought. The individual selected will be a strong communicator and is willing and able to have difficult conversations with the public. A community-oriented Chief who will lead from the front is strongly encouraged to apply.

The annual salary range for the Police Chief is $135,510 - $164,868.  Directors/Chiefs are then eligible for annual increases of 0-3% based on merit plus any COLA (January 1st) approved by the City Council. The City of Walla Walla also offers an attractive benefits package.

The new Police Chief should possess a broad range of municipal policing experience. Candidates for this position should possess a Bachelor’s degree in law enforcement, criminal justice, or public administration and ten (10) years of broad and progressively responsible experience in a qualified federal, state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency, including at least five (5) years’ work experience at the supervisory or management level. Valid Washington State driver's license and valid commission as a Washington State law enforcement officer; Washington State Criminal Justice Commission Executive Certification. A Master’s degree and bilingual in Spanish is highly desirable.

To apply for this opportunity, please visit our website at [www.bobmurrayassoc.com](http://www.bobmurrayassoc.com). If you have any questions, please contact the lead recruiter Mr. Joel Brydenat (916) 784-9080.

**Filing Deadline: February 18, 2022**