



## THINGS TO DO

Morganton is home to fantastic events all year long. The Historic Morganton Festival brings thousands of residents and visitors into downtown every fall, and residents enjoy free, Friday-night concerts during the summer.

Downtown Morganton, the heart of the city, is home to superb restaurants, breweries, a downtown movie theater, and unique places to shop.

Morganton is also home to CoMMA, the City of Morganton Municipal Auditorium. CoMMA brings great Broadway shows, concerts, and other productions to town so our residents can experience and enjoy the arts right here in their own community.



## ABOUT MORGANTON, NC

The City of Morganton is the county seat of Burke County and sits on the Catawba River in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Morganton and Burke County are blessed with scenic rural landscapes, abundant outdoor adventure opportunities, and people who love our community.

Morganton is called "Nature's Playground" for a reason. Pisgah National Forest covers the northwest section of Burke County; the Linville Gorge, also known as the Grand Canyon of North Carolina, is just a short drive from Morganton; and Burke County is home to Lake James, Lake James State Park, and South Mountains State Park.

In addition to the wonderful natural resources that surround Morganton, the City is also home to great public parks, an active downtown with plenty of unique shopping and dining, and fantastic public schools. Three excellent State universities – UNC Asheville, UNC Charlotte, and Appalachian State University, are less than an hour and a half away.

Learn more about Morganton at <https://www.morgantonnc.gov/public-safety>

# MORGANTON PUBLIC SAFETY



*The City of Morganton  
Public Safety Department is  
committed to protecting the lives,  
property, and Constitutional Rights  
of all residents and visitors of  
Morganton by providing  
professional law enforcement  
and fire protection services.*



# MORGANTON PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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## THE DEPARTMENT

The City of Morganton adopted the public safety concept in 1976. The purpose of a "Public Safety" Department is to better utilize police and fire personnel, increase effectiveness, and provide higher quality services to the citizens of Morganton.

The Public Safety Department is comprised of Officers, Firefighters, and Fire Engineers. Public Safety Officers (PSOs) are cross-trained in both law enforcement and firefighting and are responsible for responding to police calls and fire calls. Fire Engineers are responsible for operating the fire trucks and fighting fires. Firefighters are responsible for fighting fires and responding to medical related and rescue operations.

PSOs work 12-hour shifts with every other weekend off. Firefighters and Fire Engineers work a 24/48 schedule.

The department is allocated 61 full-time sworn positions and 26 full-time fire positions.

## SPECIALTY UNITS

- Community Policing
- Criminal Investigations
- D.A.R.E. Program
- Honor Guard
- K-9 Program
- S.W.A.T.
- Traffic Unit

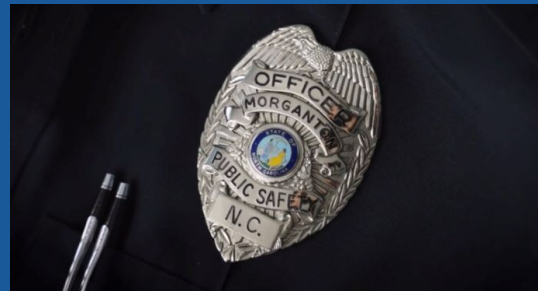


## BENEFITS

- Competitive Starting Salary
- Longevity Pay
- Paid Annual Leave
- Paid Sick Leave
- 11 Paid Holidays
- Group Health Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Employer-Paid Retirement Program
- City Pays 5% of Salary to 401K Plan
- Uniforms, Firearms, Body Armor
- Deferred Compensation Available
- Take Home Vehicle Program

## HOW TO APPLY

Download an application at [www.morgantonnc.gov/jobs](http://www.morgantonnc.gov/jobs), or pick one up from the Human Resources Department in City Hall, located at 305 E. Union St. Suite A100, Morganton, NC 28655. For more information, call 828-438-5290.



## SELECTION PROCESS

### APPLICANTS MUST

- Be at least 20 years old
- Be a United States citizen
- Be a high school graduate or have passed the G.E.D. indicating high school equivalency
- Be of good moral character as verified by a background investigation
- Have a good credit history

### APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

- Polygraph
- Physical agility test
- Oral board review
- Medical Examination
- Drug Test
- Psychological Examination
- Interview with the Chief of Public Safety
- Other qualifications as established by the State of North Carolina

