

FIRE FIGHTER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position is concerned with fire fighting and fire prevention. The work is of a hazardous nature involving fire fighting, lifesaving and salvage activities. The work is performed under the supervision of a Fire Lieutenant or higher ranking officer who provides guidance and direction in fighting fires as well as in maintaining fire station facilities and fire fighting apparatus and equipment. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Responds to fire alarms and emergency calls with a fire company;
Lays and connects hose lines from water supply to pumpers, and controls the water flow;
Drives and operates fire fighting equipment;
Holds fire hose and directs the stream to achieve maximum extinguishing effect;
Places and climbs ladders, enters and removes persons and property from burning building when necessary;
Makes openings in burning buildings for ventilation and entrance, and installs and operates specialized equipment such as smoke ejectors;
Performs salvage operations at scenes of fires, such as cleaning away debris and covering furniture and other objects with tarpaulins;
Trains in the use of various fire fighting methods and the associated equipment;
Performs a variety of building maintenance and custodial duties at a fire station;
Inspects dwellings and commercial buildings for fire hazards in accordance with established procedures;
Provides emergency first aid treatment to injured persons;
Cleans and maintains fire fighting equipment;
May respond to off duty fire calls when necessary.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of modern fire fighting and fire prevention principles, practices and equipment;
Good knowledge of emergency first aid;
Working knowledge of fire prevention laws and ordinances;
Ability to get along well with others;
Ability to understand and carryout complex oral and written instructions;
Mechanical skill;

Mental alertness;

Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT:

Possession of the appropriate level Motor Vehicle Operator's license.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT DURING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD:

- 1) Current certification as an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic/Defibrillation (EMT-D) as issued by the New York State Department of Health-Emergency Medical Services Bureau.
- 2) Satisfactory completion of the minimum Firefighters Basic Training as specified in New York State Executive Law, Article 613, Section 159 B.

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