

FIREFIGHTER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position involves responsibility for responding to fires, emergency aid calls, and accidents. An employee in this class performs professional firefighting work of a hazardous nature in order to protect life and property. The work is performed under the direct supervision of a higher ranking or more senior fire officer and in conformance with departmental regulations and standing policy. Routine maintenance and custodial work on station equipment is also performed when not engaged in firefighting. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: *The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title, do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.*

Responds to fire alarms and emergency calls with a fire company;

Drives and operates motor driven firefighting equipment;

Operates aerial ladder and rotary, centrifugal, and piston pumpers;

Lays and connects hose lines at the scene of a fire;

Operates emergency life saving equipment and administers first aid;

Handles fire hoses in the fighting of a fire and directs the stream;

Places and climbs ladders and enters burning buildings when necessary;

Receives calls and dispatches equipment and volunteers to scene of fire by radio;

Assists in the instruction of volunteer firefighters;

Performs a variety of tasks in the maintenance, minor painting, and repair of buildings and grounds;

Receives verbal, telephone, radio and fire alarm notification of fires and emergencies and dispatches personnel and equipment as necessary;

Operates all communications equipment and records all information in department books daily;

Cleans firefighting equipment and maintains it in good operating condition;

Performs duties as set forth in department regulations and orders.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARAC-

TERISTICS: Good knowledge of modern firefighting principles, practices, and equipment; working knowledge of elementary first aid techniques; ability to get along well with others; ability to follow oral and written instructions; ability to clearly reason; ability to operate heavy motor equipment; willingness to perform assigned tasks; mechanical aptitude; mental alertness; and dependability.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma. Possession of a valid, non-restricted commercial driver license (equivalent to a New York State Class B non-restricted driver license.)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS DURING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD:

- (1) Possession of a Certificate issued by the NYS Fire Administration attesting to the candidate's satisfactory completion of an approved Fire Basic Training Program in accordance with Section 209-W of the General Municipal Law at the time of appointment or within six (6) months of appointment.
- (2) Possession of a certification as an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) or higher as issued by the NYS Department of Health at time of appointment or be eligible to obtain such certification within six (6) months of appointment date.

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