

FIREFIGHTER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This work is of a hazardous nature, involving responsibility for fire fighting and prevention, salvage and rescue operations and requires mental acuity and physical stamina in the performance of duties. Fire fighting and fire prevention duties are performed under the direct supervision of superior officers. Routine maintenance work and custodial work on the station house and equipment is performed under general supervision and inspected upon completion. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

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

Lays and connects hose lines and nozzles, turns water on and off;

Holds fire hose and directs stream;

Erects and climbs ladders to enter burning buildings when necessary;

Makes openings in burning buildings for ventilation and entrance;

Removes persons from burning buildings;

Performs salvage operations at scenes of fire, such as covering furniture with tarpaulins and cleaning away debris;

Operates portable radio and/or other radio equipment at fire or rescue scenes, when necessary;

Selects appropriate size, strength, type and length of rope and ties appropriate knot when required by a firefighting or rescue task;

Learns and practices new methods of fire prevention and fire fighting;

Drives and operates fire apparatus;

Assists in giving emergency first aid treatment to injured persons;

Makes periodic inspections of buildings for fire hazards;

Cleans and maintains fire fighting equipment;

Performs a variety of tasks in connection with the maintenance and repair of fire department buildings, equipment and grounds;

Performs miscellaneous clerical work when assigned;

Uses computer applications or other automated systems such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software in performing work assignments.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Mechanical aptitude; ability to understand and carry out complex oral and written instructions; ability to operate an automobile or other vehicles as required; working knowledge of first aid methods and the ability to apply them; ability to operate portable radio and/or other communication equipment found in fire/emergency apparatus and fire stations; ability to tie and/or assemble appropriate rope knot when required by firefighting/rescue tasks requiring use of rope; ability to read, write, understand, and communicate in English sufficiently to perform the essential functions of the position; ability to effectively use computer applications such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software; ability to get along well with others; conscientiousness; mental alertness; dependability; physical condition commensurate with the duties of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: None.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

AGE: Eligibility for appointment begins when candidates reach their 18th birthday.

EDUCATION: At the time of appointment, possession of either a high school diploma, a high school equivalency diploma issued by any state department, or a report from the United States armed forces certifying completion of the tests of general educational development, high school level.

DRIVER'S LICENSE: Possession of a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in the State of New York at the time of appointment.

PHYSICAL AND MEDICAL TESTS: Candidates must pass qualifying medical and physical fitness screening tests consistent with NFPA 1582 standards, prior to appointment.

TRAINING REQUIREMENT: Completion of the authorized training course for Firefighter and receipt of the appropriate training certificate within 18 months of the date of hire before permanent appointment can be granted.

SPECIAL NOTE: Some fire departments and/or fire districts may require candidates to attain EMT status by the end of the probationary period.