

SENIOR FIREFIGHTER
(City of Peekskill)

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Performs fire prevention and fire fighting duties; assists in overseeing and training members of the paid fire department; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under direct supervision and in addition to fire fighting and prevention duties; incumbents of this position are responsible for assisting in overseeing and training the members of the paid fire department. 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. Incumbents assist in coordinating Firefighters in routine maintenance work and custodial work on the station house or living quarters and equipment and inspect work upon completion. Fire fighting duties are performed under the direct supervision of superior officers. Fire inspection duties are assigned by the Principal Firefighter. Supervision is not a responsibility of this position.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

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

Drives and operates fire apparatus;

Responsible for the members of the paid department and the enforcement and direction of Rules, Regulations and orders of the Department;

Cooperates with the Principal Firefighter in effecting the administration, report preparation, record keeping, discipline and efficiency of the paid firefighters;

Prepares and signs reports of meritorious acts, deaths, injuries involving members, accidents or damage to apparatus and other incidents of an unusual nature;

Ensures proper staffing levels and training and drills of paid members of the fire department,

Inspects paid members for proper uniforms; disseminates information from directives, orders, etc., and informs paid members of their assignments;

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

Holds fire hose and directs stream, as necessary;

Erects and climbs ladders to enter burning buildings when necessary;

Removes persons from burning buildings;

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

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

Inspects equipment, grounds and station to ensure proper order and condition;

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only) (continued)

Assists in giving emergency first aid treatment to injured persons;

Makes periodic inspections of buildings of public assembly for fire hazards, as assigned;

Cleans and maintains fire fighting equipment;

May make openings in burning buildings for ventilation and entrance;

Performs miscellaneous clerical work when assigned;

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

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Mental alertness; mechanical aptitude; ability to oversee the work of others; ability to understand and carry out complex oral and written instructions; ability to disseminate information to subordinates accurately and clearly; 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 get along well with others; conscientiousness; dependability; physical condition commensurate with the duties of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Four years of permanent competitive class status as a Firefighter.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

DRIVER'S LICENSE: Possession of a valid New York State Operator's License appropriate for the type of vehicle to be operated at the time of appointment.

SPECIAL NOTE: The City of Peekskill may require candidates to attain EMT status by the end of the probationary period.