

FIREFIGHTER

Code No.: 6-06-001
COMPETITIVE
Non-Competitive, part time ONLY

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is hazardous work involving the controlling and extinguishing of fires, protection of life and property, and the operation and maintenance of firefighting apparatus and equipment. When engaged in firefighting or fire prevention work, employees receive detailed instructions from a superior. Duties also involve routine maintenance on the station and equipment. Firefighters must meet the training standards set by the Office of Fire Prevention and Control as authorized by Section 159 (d) of the New York State Executive Law within eighteen (18) months of appointment. The employee reports directly to, and works under the general supervision of a Fire Chief or other higher-level staff member. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (All need not be performed in a given position. Other related activities may be performed although not listed.)

Responds to fire alarms and emergency calls;

Lays and connects hose lines to hydrants and pressure pumps;

Selects hose and nozzle, depending on type of fire, and directs stream of water or extinguishing agents onto fire;

Positions and climbs ladders to gain access to upper levels of buildings or to assist individuals from burning structures;

Creates openings in buildings for ventilation or entrance, using hydraulic equipment or other tools;

Protects property from water and smoke by using waterproof salvage covers, smoke ejectors;

Administers emergency medical services to sick and injured persons and those overcome by smoke and fire;

Controls spills and leaks when the potential for fire, explosion or other harm to people and the environment exists;

Extricates trapped people from damaged vehicles or machinery using hand tools or other power equipment;

Communicates with superior during fire, using portable two-way radio;

Inspects buildings for fire hazards and compliance with State and Local codes;

Performs assigned duties in maintaining apparatus, quarters, buildings, equipment, grounds, and hydrants;

Participates in drills, demonstrations, and courses in hydraulics, pump operations and maintenance, and firefighting techniques, and other specialized training;

Drives and operates firefighting vehicles and equipment;

Performs assigned duties in fire prevention, public education, and community outreach programs.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of modern firefighting and prevention methods; good knowledge of emergency medical care and procedures; good knowledge of the physical layout of the geographical area of responsibility; good knowledge of safety techniques when responding to emergencies; working knowledge of physics and mechanics; ability to operate firefighting apparatus and equipment; ability to climb on ladders and roofs; ability to cooperate with others and work as a team; ability to follow directions; ability to work with speed in a calm, efficient manner; manual dexterity; ability to communicate orally and in writing; ability to utilize related computer software; good judgment; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Possession of a valid certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) at any level* issued by the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services at the time of appointment.

*EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate (EMT-1), Advanced-EMT (AEMT), EMT-Critical Care (AEMT-CC), EMT-Paramedic (AEMT-P)

Possession of a valid driver's license issued by the State of New York at the time of appointment.

FORMERLY: Fireman
REVISED: January 20, 1983
REVISED: April 16, 1992
REVISED: April, 4, 2002
REVISED: May 6, 2004
REVISED: March 8, 2007
REVISED: April 3, 2008
REVISED: January 7, 2010
REVISED: January 9, 2014
REVISED: January 4, 2018
REVISED: March 8, 2018