

FIRE FIGHTER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

The work involves responsibility to perform standardized manual work of a hazardous nature in preventing and fighting fires. Regular assignments also include responding to emergency medical calls, rendering emergency medical service to the public, performing fire prevention and conducting code enforcement inspections. Incumbents may be expected to perform fire fighting duties, emergency, medical activities or building and fire code enforcement activities. In this work, as in fire fighting and fire prevention, the Firefighter will receive detailed instructions from a superior. Routine maintenance and custodial work on station and equipment is also performed under general supervision and inspected upon completion. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

When Engaged in Firefighting Activities:

Responds to fire alarms and emergency calls with fire department personnel and equipment;

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

Holds fire hose and directs the water stream;

Operates pressure pumps;

Puts up and climbs ladders, and enters burning building 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 debris;

Conducts fire prevention, fire protection and New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code enforcement inspections with department members or alone as required;

Inspects buildings for hazards and to insure fires have been extinguished;

Learns and practices new methods of fire fighting equipment;

Drives vehicles and operates motor-driven fire fighting equipment;

Cleans and maintains fire fighting equipment;

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

Assists in the maintenance of fire fighting electrical equipment on special assignments;

Performs miscellaneous clerical work when assigned.

When Engaged in Emergency Medical Technician Activities:

Provides basic life support services to stabilize accident or fire-related victims, or any other medical emergency;

Provides medical emergency service to minimize trauma such as splinting, immobilization, administration of oxygen, sectioning, airway insertions, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and assists with emergency childbirth;

Applies rescue and extrication techniques to effect the safety of people trapped in damaged vehicles or endangered by other unusual circumstances and gives emergency medical treatment;

May assist in the planning for control in the event of major disaster or catastrophes;

May give lectures or provide emergency medical training to members of the public;

Applies temporary casts and medical anti-shock trousers (MAST) to reduce trauma at the scene;

Performs administrative duties such as medical reports and incident reports.

When Assigned to Code Enforcement and Fire Prevention Duties:

Conducts fire prevention and code enforcement inspections;

Receives and acts on complaints from citizens, cooperates with other City Departments;

Prepares reports as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the geography and building conditions of the city;

Working knowledge of modern fire fighting and fire prevention methods, practices and equipment;

Working knowledge of hand-held and motorized equipment;

Working knowledge of emergency medical practices, techniques and procedures;

Working knowledge of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code;

Working knowledge of the city's building code and fire prevention laws and ordinances;

Ability to operate heavy motor equipment;

Ability to work well in a team environment;

Ability to recognize fire hazards;

Ability to reason clearly and select the proper course of action in fire fighting, emergency medical, and code enforcement situations as applicable;

Ability to respond to crisis situations and remain calm;

Ability to understand and interpret written material;

Mechanical aptitude;

Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

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

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) Successful completion of the medical and physical agility examination.
- (2) Possession of a valid New York State driver's license at the time of appointment with no history of moving violations over the past two (2) years.
- (3) Certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Level 1 (Basic) issued by the New York State Health Department during the (1st) year and status maintained for the duration of employment.
- (4) Certification of completion in New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, Basic Training Program for Code Enforcement Officers, within three (3) years of the date of appointment and status maintained for the duration of employment.