

FIREFIGHTER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

The work involves responsibility for fighting fires and responding to other emergency situations. An employee in this class will also be required to drive motorized fire apparatus and perform routine fire station maintenance. The work is performed under the direct supervision of supervisory fire fighting personnel. Supervision of the work of others is not a normal feature of this class.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Responds to fire alarms and emergency calls with fire company and performs a variety of dangerous fire fighting activities;
2. Drives and operates motor-driven fire fighting equipment;
3. Connects hose lines and nozzles;
4. Operates volume and pressure pumps;
5. Raises and climbs ladders and enters burning buildings;
6. Makes necessary openings in burning buildings for ventilation, entrance and egress;
7. Removes persons from burning buildings;
8. Performs salvage operations at scenes of fires, such as covering furniture with tarpaulins and cleaning debris;
9. Learns and practices new methods;
10. Performs miscellaneous clerical work when assigned;
11. Assists in giving emergency first aid treatment to injured persons;
12. Cleans and maintains fire fighting equipment;
13. Performs a variety of tasks in connection with the maintenance and repair of buildings and grounds;
14. Performs fire inspections for fire prevention;
15. May function as an Emergency Medical Technician;
16. Does related work as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of modern fire fighting and fire prevention methods; good knowledge of the use of maintenance of fire fighting equipment; good knowledge of the geography of the locality; working knowledge of departmental rules and regulations; working knowledge of basic first aid; ability to understand and execute oral, written, touch and visual instructions; ability to work under physically stressful fire ground conditions; manual dexterity; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Candidates must meet the following requirement **AT THE TIME OF EXAMINATION:** Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma, **AND MUST ALSO MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT:**

- EITHER: (A) Completion of fifteen (15) college credits;
- OR: (B) One (1) year of full-time, post-high school work experience;
- OR: (C) One (1) year of satisfactory military service;
- OR: (D) An equivalent combination of training and experience within the limits of (A) through (C) above.

NOTE: Unless otherwise specified, part-time experience will be pro-rated towards meeting the full-time experience requirement.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Age:** Candidates shall not be less than 18 years of age at time of appointment.
2. **Physical Fitness:** Candidates must meet standards established by the Commissioner of Human Resources.
3. **Driver License:** Possession of a valid Driver License to operate a motor vehicle in New York State at time of application and to maintain the position.
4. **Emergency Medical Technician:** An appointing authority may require candidates to acquire an appropriate level of certification by New York State Department of Health as an Emergency Medical Technician. This certification must be maintained during the course of service.

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