

FIREFIGHTER FIRST CLASS

(Promotional Class)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF CLASS

Positions of this class comprise the first promotional level in the fire suppression division of fire department operations. Employees of this class perform basically the same firefighting, maintenance, and training tasks as those assigned the class of Firefighter, but are expected to demonstrate a higher level of ability in performance and independence of operation than that exhibited by firefighters. This class is non-supervisory in nature and ranks directly below that of Operator. Employees of this class report to and have work reviewed by a Fire Captain.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Gains forcible entry into a burning structure by forcing or prying locked doors or windows, breaking glass, or opening walls, roofs, and other pieces of structures. Enters burning structure and locates seat of fire. Removes required hose and tools from truck and makes necessary connections to fire hydrant. Opens and closes hydrant. Advances dry or charged stream and operates nozzle; operates portable extinguishers or foam generators and educators in combating special types of fires. Takes necessary precautions when handling hazardous materials. Dons and operates portable breathing apparatus; attacks and extinguishes all classes of fires.

Extinguishes automobile fires.

Searches for injured persons and removes them from danger. Gives first aid treatment such as administering artificial respiration and CPR, stopping or controlling bleeding, or treating for shock.

Positions and operates portable blowers, smoke ejectors, fans, electric motors, and generators for mechanical ventilation or applies fog streams as an aid to ventilation.

Removes water, debris, and smoke from the building. Checks for and extinguishes spot or hidden fires. Looks for, reports, protects, and preserves any evidence of arson.

Uses fire department tools and equipment such as hoses (loads and unloads hose according to department procedure, eliminates problems in hose lines to insure good water flow, repairs or replaces defective hoses and couplings), ladders (lifts, carries, raises,

lowers, positions, and extends ladders, climbs and works from ladders), and ropes (ties knots, performs routine maintenance and inspection).

Cleans and performs general maintenance of fire department apparatus and tools.

Participates in training and/or drills on ladders, hoses, connections, aerial ladders, etc. Attends such special schools and training courses as assigned.

Performs duties required for routine maintenance and upkeep of station and grounds.

Performs any related duties assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements listed below must be met by the filing deadline for application to the test.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States.

After offer of promotion, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a medical examination prepared and administered by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.

Must be a regular and permanent employee in good standing in the class of Firefighter immediately preceding the closing date for application to the board.

Effective January 1, 2017, prior to the closing date for application to the board, must possess certification as Firefighter II.

The above certification must be accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (Pro Board) or the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

In the event that an employee feels he or she was not given a fair opportunity to achieve his or her promotional requirements, he or she must appeal to the board within 15 days after the rejection of his or her promotional application.

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