

FIREFIGHTER

(Competitive Class)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

This class encompasses entrance level positions in the fire fighting of fire department operations. Employees of this class receive training for and perform tasks necessary to control and extinguish fires, perform rescue, forcible entry, and salvage and overhaul, administer first aid at the emergency scene, and maintain fire department equipment, building, and grounds. Training may consist of formal classroom study and/or drill sessions, as well as closely supervised on-the-job experience. Employees of this class received work assignments from the Fire Captain. This class ranks directly below that of Fire Equipment Operator.

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.)

Participates in assigned training drills either as an individual or as a member of a group. Attends special schools or courses assigned. Reads and studies assigned material related to performance of work.

Trains for and performs firefighting and rescue tasks such as connecting, carrying, and operating hose lines, ventilating buildings, and using ladders, lines, and other equipment to aid in fighting fires or removing fire and accident victims to safety.

Administers first aid to victims of fire and accidents either on the scene of an emergency or enroute to the hospital.

Cleans, dries, inspects, and properly secures any assigned firefighting equipment such as hoses, hand tools, portable breathing apparatus, ladders, or related equipment. Cleans fire vehicles.

Performs tasks necessary for the proper maintenance of station and grounds such as cleaning floors and windows, emptying trash cans, mowing grass, or related duties.

Performs public relations duties such as calming excited citizens at a fire scene, providing information to the public concerning the work of the fire department, conducting station tours for individuals or civic groups, or related duties.

Performs fire prevention or fire inspection tasks such as inspecting fire hydrants, sprinkler systems, or portable fire extinguishers, studying the district to become familiar with the location of fire plugs or water lines, interpreting or enforcing fire laws, ordinances, and regulations, and related duties.

Performs other related duties as 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 employment, 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 reasonable accommodation.

Must have a Louisiana driver's license valid for the class that would qualify applicant to operate all required department equipment.

Applicant must possess one of the following high school diploma, high school equivalency certificate, high school transcript, affidavit from the issuing high school, associate's or bachelor's degree, or college transcript, any one of which must indicate that graduation has occurred or a degree awarded. Any Louisiana applicant who presents a home study diploma shall submit necessary documentation indicating Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approval of the home study curriculum. Non-Louisiana applicants shall be required to present proof of completion of a high school curriculum which has been accredited by the applicant's state, or its state-approved agency. A certification of completion shall not be sufficient to substitute for a diploma or equivalency certificate.

After accepting employment offer, the candidate shall successfully take and pass a sixteen (16) week Firefighter Recruit training program that follows Firefighter I as defined by NFPA 1001 standard.

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