



# **FIREFIGHTER**

## **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS**

The work involves responsibility for responding to fires, emergency aid calls, and accidents. An employee in this class performs professional firefighting work of a hazardous nature in order to protect life and property. The work is performed under the direct supervision of a higher ranking fire officer and in conformance with departmental regulations and standing policy. Routine maintenance and custodial work on station equipment is also performed when not engaged in firefighting. Does related work as required.

## **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES**

- Responds to fire alarms and emergency calls with a fire company;
- Drives and operates motor driven firefighting equipment;
- Operates aerial ladder and rotary, centrifugal, and piston pumps;
- Lays and connects hose lines at the scene of a fire
- Operates emergency lifesaving equipment and administers first aid;
- Handles fire hoses in the fighting of a fire and directs the stream;
- Places and climbs ladders and enters burning buildings when necessary;
- Checks the operating condition of and makes minor repairs to emergency and first aid equipment;
- Performs a variety of tasks in the maintenance, minor painting, and repair of buildings and grounds;
- Cleans firefighting equipment and maintains it in good operating condition;
- Performs duties as set for in Department regulations and orders; and
- Other related duties and responsibilities as may be assigned.

## **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS**

1. Good knowledge of modern firefighting principles, practices, and equipment;
2. Working knowledge of elementary first aid techniques;
3. Ability to get along well with others;
4. Ability to follow oral and written instructions;
5. Ability to clearly reason;
6. Ability to operate heavy motor equipment;
7. Willingness to perform assigned tasks;
8. Mechanical aptitude;



9. Mental alertness;
10. Dependability; and
11. Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

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

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENT(S)**

Candidates must possess the appropriate level of a currently valid New York State driver's license at the time of original appointment and appointees must maintain continuous possession of the appropriate level and continuously valid NYS driver's license throughout the term of appointment as a condition of employment. Suspension, revocation, or other interruption of such driver's license shall be grounds for termination of employment.

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