

# Firefighter

**General Statement of Duties:** Under supervision, responds to fire alarms; occasionally drives fire apparatus; participates in fire prevention, inspections, station maintenance and training activities; acts as a first responder to emergency medical and accident calls; performs related work required.

**Distinguishing Features of the Class:** A firefighter is responsible for performing hazardous tasks under emergency conditions.

The work in this class demands heavy physical labor for periods of various duration under hazardous conditions and all weather conditions. The work requires adherence to departmental rules and regulations. Receives and accepts assignments made by supervisors of specific tasks and indicate methods and procedures to be followed. Assignments may be made through either oral or written instructions. The work is closely inspected in process and upon completion.

**Examples of Work (Illustrative Only):**

**Essential:**

Responds to alarms and assists in the suppression of fires all hours of the day and night

Performs rescues, entry, ventilation, and salvage work

Operates equipment and assists in the suppression of fires in the protection of life and property

Participates in the overhaul of fire scenes

Performs clean-up and helps prepare equipment and vehicles for future alarms

Assists in maintaining fire apparatus, equipment, and fire stations

Participates in continuing training and instruction programs of a technical nature

Attends and participates in drills and classes

Assists in fire prevention activities

Acts as a first responder on medical emergencies, vehicle accidents and Hazardous Materials Incidents

Wears appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in all areas of operations

Works within the Incident Command System (ICS)

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: Essential:**

Ability to read and understand departmental rules, regulations, and policies

Ability to analyze situations and adapt quickly and effectively by taking reasonable courses of action giving due regard to the surrounding hazards of each situation

Ability to write clear and accurate reports

Ability to understand and follow oral or written directions

Ability to learn technical firefighting skills and techniques

Ability to apply the principles of hydraulics to fire suppression

Ability to operate fire apparatus

Maintain cooperative relationships with fellow firefighters and the public

Ability to function under extreme mental and physical stress

Maintain a high degree of physical fitness

Other:

Demonstrate the desire of the following values: service, people, integrity, responsibility, innovation and teamwork

Be sensitive to the human and physical needs of the community

Acceptance Experience and Training:

18 years of age

High School diploma or equivalent

Special Requirements:

Valid Driver License

Ability to obtain Illinois Class B driver license or equivalent

Basic Firefighter Certification within 2 years

Hazardous Materials Awareness within 2 years

Hazardous Materials Operations within 3 years

NIMS IS 100 and IS 700 within 1 year

Helmet color shall be black with a Black Leather

Front with their assigned number or a lime – yellow passport with blue lettering “Candidate Firefighter” on it