



Firefighter

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Employees in this class perform standardized manual work of a hazardous nature in firefighting, emergency response, technical rescue, hazardous material response, and fire prevention duties. In this work, as well as in fire prevention work, incumbent receives instructions and immediate supervision from a higher-ranking officer in the department. Responds to medical assist calls and provides emergency medical care to the basic life support level following DOH protocols and best practices. The incumbent does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

- Responds to fire alarms and emergency calls with fire company;
- Lays and connects hose lines and nozzles and turns water on and off;
- Holds fire hose and directs the stream;
- Operates a pressure pump;
- Raises and climbs ladders and enters burning buildings when necessary;
- Makes openings in burning buildings for ventilation and entrance;
- Helps persons exit burning buildings;
- Performs salvage operations at scenes of fire, such as debris removal and covering furniture with tarpaulins;
- Inspects buildings when performing fire prevention work;
- Learns and practices new firefighting and fire prevention methods;
- Drives and operates motor-driven firefighting equipment;
- Assists in giving emergency first aid treatment to injured persons;
- Cleans and maintains firefighting equipment;
- Works as part of a team in performing technical rescue services and mitigation of hazardous situations;
- Administers basic life support to victims of medical assist calls;
- As the apparatus co-driver, relays radio communications and Mobile Data Terminal updates;
- Completes necessary reports and records;
- May perform routine building maintenance and custodial tasks and clerical work as necessary.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Mental Alertness;
- Mechanical aptitude;
- Ability to get along well with others;
- ability to recognize fire hazards;
- Willingness to perform any task assigned;
- Conscientiousness and dependability;

Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma.

SPECIAL NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Candidates must be 18 years of age on or before the date of the exam and 21 years of age at the time of appointment. There is no maximum age restriction.
2. Candidates must be eligible for a New York State operator's license at time of application and must possess a valid license at time of appointment. Must maintain licensure when operating a city vehicle.

Classification history:

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