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Firefighter

Firefighters are responsible for all of the various firefighting and rescue duties needed to save life, property and the environment. They are required to rapidly and efficiently perform these duties under emergency conditions, which frequently involve considerable hazards. Firefighters also perform routine checks and maintenance of fire department equipment and property. Specific orders and directions as received from a superior officer shall be carried out in the normal course of duties. Successful applicants begin at the position of probationary firefighter and move up a stepped scale based upon their attendance and completion of training classes. The duties and responsibilities of a Firefighter are as follows:

Essential Duties – General

- Performs firefighting activities including driving fire apparatus, operating pumps and related equipment, laying hose and performing fire combat, containment and extinguishment tasks.
- Works with a partner under the supervision of a fire department officer.
- Using excellent customer service skills, establishes and maintains effective working relationships with other employees, officials, and all members of the general public.
- Performs emergency aid activities for the ill and injured, including basic life support and providing other assistance as required.
- Participates in fire drills, attends training in firefighting, emergency medical and other related subjects.
- Operates computer, telephone, radio and pager, and other communication equipment.
- Participates in the inspection of buildings, hydrants and other structures in the fire prevention program.
- Assists with delivering public education sessions and literature at public events.
- Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of the fire halls and equipment; cleans and washes walls and floors; cares for grounds around stations; makes minor repairs; washes, hangs and dries hose and personal protective equipment; washes, cleans, polishes, maintains and tests apparatus and equipment.
- Assists in developing plans for special assignments, such as emergency preparedness, hazardous communications, training programs, firefighting and emergency aid activities.

- Performs salvage operations, such as throwing salvage covers, sweeping water, removing debris and securing buildings.
 - The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position. Other duties may be required and assigned.
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Qualifications

- High School Diploma or equivalent
 - Must be at least 18 years old
 - Must possess a valid Ontario Driver's License Class G
 - Must be able to read and write the English language
 - Working knowledge of driver safety
 - Working knowledge of first aid preferred
 - Good physical shape
 - Ability to learn and apply standard firefighting, emergency aid and fire prevention techniques
 - Ability to perform strenuous or peak physical effort during emergency, training or station maintenance activities for prolonged periods of time under condition of extreme heights, intense heat, cold or smoke.
 - Ability to act effectively in emergency and stressful situations
 - Ability to follow verbal and written instructions
 - Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing
 - Ability to establish effective working relationships with employees, other agencies and the general public
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Tools and Equipment Used

Emergency medical aid equipment, extrication equipment, fire apparatus, fire pumps, hoses, and other standard firefighting equipment, ladders, radio, pager, personal computer, telephone.

Physical Demands

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle, or operate objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to sit; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; talk or hear; and taste or smell.

The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 10 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 100 pounds, and occasionally drag up to 200 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

Work Environment

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works in outside weather conditions.

The employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts and in extreme heights, precarious places, and is exposed to intense heat and/or cold, wet and/or humid conditions, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, risk of electrical shock, and vibration.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate, except during certain firefighting or EMS activities when noise levels may be loud.