

GENESEE COUNTY

FIREFIGHTER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is standardized manual work of a hazardous nature involving fighting fires and salvage and rescue work under the immediate supervision of a superior officer. An employee in this class renders necessary assistance and service to persons and property in case of emergencies and accidents. Routine maintenance and repair work on buildings and equipment is performed under general supervision, and inspected by a superior officer upon completion. Does related work, as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Responds to fire alarms and emergency calls with a fire company;
Lays and connects hose lines, turns water on and off;
Drives equipment to alarms speedily but safely;
Holds fire hose and directs the stream to achieve maximum extinguishing effect;
Puts up and climbs ladders, enters and removes persons and property from burning buildings wearing personal protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus;
Makes openings in burning buildings for ventilation and entrance, and installs and operates specialized equipment such as smoke ejectors;
Performs salvage operations at scenes of fires, such as cleaning away debris and covering furniture and other objects with tarpaulins;
Learns and practices use of various firefighting methods and equipment;
Performs a variety of building maintenance and custodial duties at a fire station;
Protects, maintains and repairs fire equipment and property;
When assigned to desk duty, receives all calls for assistance and relays instructions and orders of a superior officer;
Required to provide emergency medical services to sick or injured persons;
Inspects dwellings and buildings for fire hazards in accordance with established procedures, and prepares written records and reports as required;
Conducts programs for the education and benefit of fire personnel and the general public;
May be detailed to special fire watch duty at public gatherings.

The above examples of duties are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work 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.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND/OR PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Working knowledge of modern firefighting principles, practices and equipment; working knowledge of basic and advanced life support techniques; good mechanical aptitude; mental alertness; ability to get along well with others; willingness to perform any task assigned; conscientiousness and dependability; ability to meet departmental physical standards; ability to use radio, pager, phone; ability to use standard fire fighting equipment.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from a high school or possession of an appropriate equivalency diploma recognized by the NYS Department of Education.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT AND/OR CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT:

- A. Candidates must possess a valid Emergency Medical Technician-Basic Certificate or higher for appointment. In addition to this, when required, higher level EMT Certificates must be acquired at the first training opportunity after employment and maintained throughout employment.
- B. Candidates must possess a valid New York State Driver's License.
- C. Candidates are required to meet certain medical and physical standards within time periods specified by State and Federal Laws.
- D. Candidates must successfully complete Fire Academy Training.
- E. Psychological Evaluation: Prior to appointment, you will be required to participate in a psychological evaluation to determine your fitness to perform the essential duties of the position. Failure to meet the standards set forth in this evaluation will result in disqualification.
- F. All candidates are required to take and pass a qualifying physical fitness test in order to be eligible for appointment.

All qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

Competitive Class

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