

CLASS TITLE: FIREFIGHTER

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS: Under supervision, controls and extinguishes fires; maintains and operates Fire Department equipment and property; may serve as Fire Alarm Operator or as Line Maintenance Man; performs related duties as required. The two junior employees in seniority will act as Roving Firefighters and serve at the discretion of the Chief, or his designee.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES: Responds to all fire alarms in an assigned district and other districts as required; performs tasks necessary to control and extinguish fires, including handling of hose, raising and climbing ladders; performs rescue and first-aid tasks and salvage operations; operates motor-driven fire apparatus; cleans and repairs fire apparatus and equipment; protects property from water damage; tests, repairs, and fills fire extinguishers. Attends company drills and training school as required; makes periodic inspections of buildings in an assigned district to observe fire hazards and study the physical construction and layout of structures; inspects and removes snow and ice from hydrants; reports to company station for multiple alarm and emergencies when off duty; drives ambulances; fills in for Fire Lieutenant when required; observes fire hazards and violations of fire laws and regulations, reporting same to superiors. When assigned as Fire Alarm Operator, operates PBX Switchboard; receives and transmits fire alarm signals and other calls for Fire Department assistance; keeps informed and notifies stations of apparatus movements; maintains records of fires and other assistance calls. When assigned as a Lineman, tests fire alarm boxes; climbs poles and installs crossarms and runs wire; splices cable and wire; erects and wires traffic signal and fire alarm pedestals and installs terminal boards; does station house wiring.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Graduation from high school or the equivalent as certified by the Rhode Island State Department of Education. Successful completion of a prescribed fire training course prior to the expiration of probationary service.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND PERSONAL QUALITIES: Good knowledge of the geography of the City. Ability to operate motor equipment; courage, resourcefulness, thoroughness and carefulness, mechanical aptitude; must be able to pass a rigid physical examination. Age not less than eighteen (18) years.

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