



<b>Job Title:</b>	Firefighter
<b>Reports To:</b>	Fire Chief
<b>Terms of Employment</b>	12 Months
<b>Hours Work</b>	Shift Work

**Job Summary:**

The employee is responsible for work performed in combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires, and protection of life and property through firefighting activities. Duties also include other support services under close supervision of shift captain. Independent judgement is used according to the situation and sometimes different courses of action must be considered to complete the task.

**Essential Functions:**

- Responds to fire alarms, connects hose, holds nozzle and directs water streams.
- Forces entry of premises for firefighting, rescue and salvage operations, uses chemical fire extinguishers, bars, hooks, lines, and other equipment.
- Removes persons from danger, administers first-aid to injured persons.
- Positions and climbs ladders to gain access to upper levels of buildings.
- Performs salvage operations such as throwing covers, sweeping water and removing debris. Carries charged hose line into structure for fire extinguishment.
- Physically able to wear complete set of protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus.
- Participates in fire drills and attends training classes in firefighting, first-aid, and related subjects.
- Performance of hazardous tasks under emergency conditions which may involve extreme exertion under such handicaps as smoke and cramped surroundings.
- Performs extreme strenuous and physical labor for extended periods under some unfavorable climatic conditions, frequently lifting objects weighing 50 to 100 pounds.
- Performs duties requiring bending, crouching, stooping, climbing and crawling in buildings or close quarters that may be filled with smoke.

**Equipment/Other Job Related Duties:**

- The employee will operate firefighting equipment to include: nozzles, hoses, self-contained breathing apparatus, power saw and generators.
- A large part of duty time is taken up in city-wide inspections, performing supervised training, and maintaining equipment and quarters.
- All firefighting and emergency operations must be performed during all kinds of weather conditions.
- The employee is exposed to extreme heat, smoke, hazardous chemicals, and falling materials.
- Performs general maintenance work in the up-keep of fire department property: cleans and washed walls and floors, makes minor repairs, washes and dries hoses, mows yard, washes windows, paints, and otherwise maintains quarters.
- May operate departmental radio communications on special assignments, receives alarms, and notifies appropriate personnel, summons on-call personnel.
- Participates in annual hose test, which involves unloading and reloading fire hose back on truck.

- Participates in flow testing fire hydrants, which involves taking caps off hydrant and opening up hydrant and checking water flow.
- Occasionally drive truck when driver is absent

**Required Knowledge and Abilities:**

- Knowledge of fire prevention and State and City regulations as applied to fire fighting and prevention.
- Knowledge of geographic area of the City.
- Knowledge of general first aid.
- Knowledge of firefighting equipment and its intended uses.
- Ability to react quickly and calmly in an emergency situation and to determine the proper course of action.
- Ability to learn to operate a variety of firefighting equipment.
- Ability to learn to operate a large truck safely.
- Ability to work under extreme weather conditions and dangerous heights.
- Ability to understand and follow oral and written instruction.
- Ability to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with the public and other employees.
- Ability to wear heavy protective clothing for extended periods of time.
- Ability to climb ladders.
- Ability to operate power equipment.
- Ability to physically, mentally climb to different heights and function in close quarters.

**Minimum Requirements:**

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Valid Tennessee driver's license or equivalent
- Must complete basic firefighting course at State Fire School
- Pass a medical examination by licensed physician.
- Pass a drug screen by licensed physician.
- Work daytime, evening and weekend hours as needed
- Comply with the City's Weight Control Policy.