

**FIREFIGHTER/OPERATOR**

(Competitive Class)

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS**

The class of Firefighter/Operator comprises entrance level positions in the fire suppression division of fire department operations. Employees of this class receive training for, and perform tasks such as controlling and extinguishing fires, performing rescue work, and driving, operating, and maintaining fire department vehicles. Employees of this class report to and have work reviewed by a Fire Captain. Firefighter/Operator ranks directly below the class of Fire Captain.

**EXAMPLES OF WORK**

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Participates in assigned training drills and maintains proficiency in all aspects of firefighting. Reads and studies assigned material related to performance of work. Presents oneself properly during a tour of duty, well prepared and timely for work. Maintains satisfactory interpersonal relations with other staff members and consults with officer about work performance. Completes all assigned forms and reports, assists visitors at the station, and demonstrates to community groups.

Operates fire apparatus to and from fire or emergency scene. Effectively operates ladders both on apparatus and on exterior of buildings. Removes necessary tools from truck and informs operator of equipment that is being removed. Evaluates environmental conditions, examines structure for fire extension, and locates fire source. Notifies officer in charge of new conditions, makes recommendations on fireground procedures, and observes conditions indicating the fire source. Follows orders from superior officers under stressful conditions, relays orders to other firefighters, and maintains awareness of other firefighter's efforts. Performs the duties of acting officer at the fire scene in his absence. Performs size-up, uses the appropriate portable fire extinguisher, and applies appropriate fire streams and agents for fire extinguishment. Reports HAZMAT signs and removes containers of hazardous materials to contain spread. Locates hidden fires within the fire scene, operates communication equipment, and uses self-contained breathing apparatus.

Arrives with tools ready for hose connection, anchors hose to hydrant, and controls water flow. Carries hose to scene and assists other firefighters with controlling hose line. Operates equipment to produce appropriate water stream and uses water curtains to protect exposure. Removes kinks from charged hose lines, repairs

burst hose sections, and secures charged line. Operates and tests fire sprinkler systems and performs sprinkler support systems. Effectively operates pumper, connecting or disconnecting hose from a fire hydrant, draft, or static water supply. Calculates friction loss, nozzle, and water flow while operating pumpers in relay. Drains, rolls, or folds hose sections and loads on apparatus after fire is extinguished.

Performs search and rescue operations to remove trapped victims from the scene. Performs emergency medical services at the scene and drives emergency vehicle to and from the scene. Calls for emergency help and notifies occupants to vacate premises for safety. Reports injuries to superiors and determines if special treatment is necessary. Performs forcible entry and ventilation operations by breaching fire scene structure. Enters smoke filled building using portable air breathing apparatus, remains aware of possible backdraft, and places smoke ejectors in appropriate areas. Locates and operates shut-off valves for gas, electricity, oil and water in building. Ties ropes to equipment and hoists or lowers equipment to where needed. Performs salvage and overhaul operations to complete fire extinguishment and protect property. Removes burning materials from scene, constructs catch-all for debris, and secures doors and windows. Drains water from structure after fire is extinguished. Protects property from theft, removes debris from structure, shuts off water flow, and shores up weak structural components. Maintains crowd control until police arrive, recognizes signs of arson, and testifies in court when necessary.

Performs regular maintenance of equipment and stores equipment upon return to station. Conducts required safety tests of department equipment and apparatus and maintains inventory of tools and equipment. Keeps equipment placed in readiness at station. Secures station items from theft and maintains adequate quantities of station supplies. Records missing equipment or equipment needing repairs and transports spare apparatus to other stations. Participates in pre-fire planning for both public and private properties, draws preplanning diagrams, and maintains awareness of important information regarding potential hazards.

Performs related duties as assigned.

#### **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements listed below must be met by the filing deadline for application for admission to the examination.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States and of legal age.

After offer of employment, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a physical examination, the selection and administration of which shall be authorized by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to

perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.

Applicant must possess one of the following: high school diploma, high school equivalency certificate, high school transcript, affidavit from the issuing high school, associate's or bachelor's degree, or college transcript, any one of which must indicate that graduation has occurred or a degree awarded. A certification of completion shall not be sufficient to substitute for a diploma or equivalency certificate.

Must possess a valid driver's license.

Must not be less than eighteen (18) years of age.

Must receive the following certifications within one (1) year of your hire date: Hazardous Materials Awareness, Hazardous Materials Operations and Firefighter 1.