

317 -FIREFIGHTER

City of Parma

1112 - Fire Department

JOB SUMMARY

The Firefighter responds to emergencies and assists in the day-today operations of the fire station. The incumbent is a member of the Fire Department below the rank of Lieutenant. The Firefighter is assigned to a company and works under the direct supervision of the company officer whose orders and assignments he/she completes fully and promptly. The Firefighter performs all rescue work in a fire situation as well as all other emergency situations. This position is classified as Civil Service.

WORK ACTIVITIES

Physical Duties

- Assists in all rescue and salvage work in fire situations, as well as, other emergencies *
- Assists in fire suppression, forcible entry and ventilation *
- Operates all tools attached to trucks (axe, crowbar, pick, etc.) *
- Operates all types of aerial apparatus *
- Operates all equipment necessary in rescue/ firefighting work *
- Operates pumping engine when necessary *
- Drives and operates pumper and snorkel trucks, as well as, ambulance when necessary *

Fire Hazard Inspection Duties

- Participates in Building Familiarization drills+
- Inspects, tests and services fire hydrants in accordance with Fire Division instructions+
- Computes and regulates hydraulic pressures +
- Inspects buildings for fire or other hazards+
- Performs duties of an assistant fire safety inspector and successfully completes training for State of Ohio certification when required by Fire Chief +
- Makes out necessary reports and obtains compliance regarding fire inspections+
- Refers to fire code violations to prosecutor for further action+

Training Duties

- Participates in training programs, drills and lectures conducted by the Fire Department *
- Trains students from area Emergency Medical Technician courses +

Maintenance Duties

- Carries out daily station duties as assigned by company officer *
- Assists in maintaining all Fire Department property, including apparatus, equipment and quarters (station), in accordance with Fire Division instructions *

Recording Duties

- Records all events on each ambulance and fire run+
- Enters daily occurrences into a journal/logbook when necessary+

Communication Duties

- Presents programs as assigned to various schools and other interested parties+
- Gives tours of stations as assigned+
- Visits Block Parties with ambulance for public as assigned+
- Works the "Burn House" as assigned+

Other Duties

- Assumes the role of Acting Officer when necessary+
- Operates switchboard, maintaining 24 hour watch and answering phones when assigned to Station #3 +
- Participates in daily rotation of assigned duties +
- Adheres to all related National Fire Protection Association standards-1021 *
- Performs all other related duties as assigned

* Denotes Essential Job Functions

+ Denotes Essential Job Functions, Scheduling Accommodations Possible

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- Air tools
- Ambulance vehicles
- CO detector
- Explosimeter
- Flashlight
- Fire service vehicles (all aspects including pump)
- "Jaws of life"
- Power tools/saw
- Pull hoses
- Road flares
- Stretcher (including basic EMT procedures)
- Switchboard (including broad based communication system knowledge)
- Telephone
- Tools associated with fire vehicles (axe, pick, crowbar, etc.)
- Turnout gear (helmet, overalls, firecoat, boots, gloves, etc.)
- Two-way radio
- Various sized ladders (including aerial apparatus)
- Ventilation equipment

JOB CONTEXT

The Firefighter's hours entail a 24 hour work day followed by a 48 hour break. The Fire Firefighter is on call 24 hours a day in cases of emergency or shift shortages. This position is full-time and operates 12 months a year. The Firefighter is expected to be in uniform when on duty. The Firefighter works partly in a moderate temperature controlled firehouse and garage. The other portion of the job is spent in varying conditions of intense heat and hazardous materials during rescue work. The job is considered to be very stressful due to the immense amount of emergency rescue work involved. The incumbent must be able to physically maneuver heavy materials and equipment during emergencies as well as move people during this rescue work. The Firefighter is directly evaluated by the Fire Lieutenant through these yearly performance "Efficiencies."

JOB QUALIFICATIONS

Upon hire, a Firefighter must have:

- A birth certificate or baptismal certificate indicating an age between 18-41 years
- A high school diploma or equivalent
- Completed all statutory state training requirements
- Certification as an Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic (EMT-P) State of Ohio certification in advanced life support consisting of but not limited to: cardiac monitoring, gastric intubation, defibrillation and administration of intravenous fluids and appropriate drugs
- A valid State of Ohio driver's license
- U.S. Citizenship or have declared intent to become a citizen
- Passed the physical examination
- Passed the polygraph, a background check and if necessary a psychological examination
- Passed the medical examination
- Passed the drug test
- No color blindness
- No mental confusion
- Knowledge of elementary physics, chemistry and mechanics
- The ability to understand and follow written and oral directions
- The ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with fellow employees and the public
- The ability to keep simple records and prepare reports
- Some mechanical know how- i.e. the ability to check air pressure and oil, as well a change oil
- Completed the interview process within the Department itself

After hire, a Firefighter must have:

- Within the first year of employment, successfully complete fire service cadet training as required by the State of Ohio (5 week course)
- The ability to memorize fire hydrant locations in specified hydrant districts
- The knowledge of all rules and regulations of the Fire Division
- The knowledge of all personnel rules of the City of Parma
- Yearly physicals, stress tests and combat drills
- The knowledge of locations of public buildings
- A working knowledge of all tools and equipment
- The ability to learn technical fire fighting principles and techniques and principles of hydraulics applied to fire suppression
- A one year probationary period
- Monthly evaluations during the probationary period
- Assigned tests at six months and one year to monitor progression\
- Inspection in uniform for fire and station gear
- Evaluations by a company officer for promotional purposes
- Compliance with all related National Fire Protection Association standards and regulations
- The ability to continuously fulfill Ohio and Parma's regulations and requirements
- A detailed knowledge of the City of Parma's geography and the surrounding areas
- The ability to comply with all related standards and regulations of the National Fire Protection Association – 1021