FIREFIGHTER

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Performs firefighting and fire prevention duties; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Employees in this class perform standardized manual work of a hazardous nature in fighting fires. In this work as in fire prevention work, they receive instructions and immediate supervision from a higher-ranking officer in the department.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative only)
-Responds to fire alarms and emergency calls with fire company;
-Lays and connects hose lines and nozzles and turns water on and off;
-Holds fire hose and directs the stream;
-Operates a pressure pump;
-Puts up and climbs ladders, and enters burning buildings when necessary;
-Makes openings in burning buildings for ventilation and entrance;
-Helps persons to leave burning buildings;
-Participates at level of training in special rescue operations including ice water, confined space and low angle rescues;
-Responds to hazardous material incidents and participates at level of training in identifying, securing, controlling and concluding hazardous material incidents;
-Performs salvage operations at scenes of fire, such as covering furniture with tarpaulins and cleaning debris;
-Performs emergency medical services;
-Learns and practices new firefighting and prevention methods;
-Participates in building inspections for fire prevention and familiarization purposes;
-Drives and operates motor-driven firefighting equipment;
-Cleans and maintains firefighting equipment;
-May perform routine building maintenance and custodial tasks and clerical work as necessary.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Thorough knowledge of modern fire fighting and fire prevention principles, practices and equipment; thorough knowledge of the geography and building conditions of the village; good knowledge of the village building codes, fire prevention laws, ordinances and regulations; good knowledge of safety precautions used in fire fighting; good knowledge of the Rules and Regulations of the department and the laws under which it operates; mental alertness; mechanical aptitude; ability to get along well with others; ability to recognize fire hazards; willingness to perform any task assigned; conscientiousness and dependability; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Graduation from a standard senior high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma issued by the New York State Education Department.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS:
Age: Minimum age for appointment is **18** years.

License: Possession of the appropriate level Motor Vehicle Operator's License at the time of appointment.

SPECIAL NOTES: In the *Villages of Herkimer, Ilion, and City of Little Falls*, candidates must be a certified Emergency Medical Technician or complete such certification within one year of appointment as a condition to the probationary period, and maintain the minimum certification required by the New York State Health Department for personnel staffing a Certified Ambulance.

In the *Village of Ilion*, Firefighters are required to perform building inspections for the purpose of code compliance.

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