

TOWN OF SOMERS

Position Description

Title: Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician-Career
Department: Public Safety-Fire
Reports To: Career Deputy Chief

Supervises: none
FLSA Status: full-time, non-exempt
Bargaining Unit:
Firefighters Local 4284

Position Summary: Performs firefighting, emergency medical services, and equipment operation in responding to fire calls, accidents, or community disasters; performs skilled repair and preventive maintenance work in maintaining fire apparatus, equipment, alarm system and buildings; and completes assigned administrative tasks. Provides accurate, timely and high-quality service to all internal and external customers. Receives daily work schedule from career Lieutenant and in an absence reports directly to Career Deputy Chief. Works in conjunction with volunteer personnel. Respects and operates within the chain of command of the Somers Fire Department.

Major Job Duties:

Fire Service: Responds to fires, accidents, medical calls, hazardous material incidents or community disasters. Drives fire and emergency medical vehicles and operates auxiliary equipment. Assumes fire ground control in absence of Fire Chief or superior officer. Controls and extinguishes fires, protects life and property. Selects hose nozzle, depending on type of fire, and directs water or chemicals onto fire. Positions and climbs ladders to gain access or to assist occupants in vacating a building. Operates power equipment or uses hand tools, including axes, chisels, crowbars, power saws, etc., to open building for entrance or ventilation. Takes precautions to protect persons and property. Responds to vehicle accidents or other emergencies. Extinguishes vehicle fires. Operates extrication equipment to remove victims from vehicles. Coordinates activities with Fire Marshal in suspicious fires and inspection programs as needed. As an open burning official, coordinates and inspects open burning.

Emergency Medical Service: Administers emergency medical services. Treats and/or stabilizes ill or injured victims. Works in conjunction with advanced life support services (Paramedics). Transports victims to treatment facilities. Communicates condition of victim by radio to health personnel.

Teamwork/Volunteer relations: Establishes and maintains a close working relationship between the career SFD personnel, Fire Chief, line officers and the volunteer members of the SFD. Strives to recognize the differences between career and volunteer staff and to handle each non-emergency situation based on its own merits.

Equipment/Building Maintenance: Routinely tests fire and emergency equipment. Performs skilled repair and preventive maintenance work in maintaining vehicles and equipment. Prepares recommendations for new equipment purchases, including equipment specifications and cost estimates. Evaluates need for major mechanical work, and recommends referral to private garages as necessary. Performs minor carpentry, plumbing and electrical repairs to department buildings and facilities. Performs janitorial duties to maintain building and facility cleanliness.

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Administrative: Maintains activity logs. Performs work schedules as assigned by Career Lieutenant. Reports work accomplished to Career Lieutenant. Provides statistical and narrative reports to Career Deputy Chief and/or Fire Chief. Maintains inventory of supplies and materials. When requested by the Career Deputy Chief/Fire Chief, prepares purchase orders for replacement parts, materials and supplies as needed.

Fire Prevention Education: Participates in informational fire prevention programs for school children and interested adults.

Qualifications:

- Connecticut or National Certification as a Fire Fighter II.
- State of Connecticut Emergency Medical Technician Certification (must maintain certification while employed).
- Haz-mat Technician (EPA) Certification.
- State of Connecticut Candidate Physical Agility Test (CPAT) Certificate.
- High school diploma or GED
- Concentrated training in fire fighting and fire equipment maintenance.
- Ability to operate and maintain fire vehicles and auxiliary equipment.
- Ability to apply common sense understanding to carry out instructions furnished in written, oral or diagrammatic form.
- Ability to prepare narrative and statistical reports of some complexity.
- Connecticut valid class II Q or CDL-B license motor vehicle operator's license (must maintain while employed).

Physical Requirements:

This position combines field, maintenance and firehouse activities, with more than 50% of the job performed in the form of fire and ambulance calls. The incumbent must be able to:

- Pass physical fitness examination including satisfactory heart, pulmonary, hypertension and spirometry examination, as well as other fitness and agility requirements in accordance with NFPA 1582.
- Wear and properly utilize Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).
- Regularly wear and carry firefighter protective equipment in excess of 50 lbs. on his/her back.
- Climb ladders in the delivery of firefighting services.
- Tolerate occasional exposure to hazardous situations including heat, smoke and flames while wearing firefighter protective clothing and equipment for periods in excess of one hour.
- Tolerate exposure to recently extinguished fire scenes where there may be smoke and smoldering building remains.
- Stand, lift, bend and walk to perform firefighting, emergency medical services, and equipment/building maintenance.
- Ability to work safely in environments that may contain blood and or air borne pathogens.
- Ability to work in and or tolerate physically and or mentally challenging emergency scene environments.
- Intermittently sit and work using a computer and telephone, or listen to information for periods in excess of one hour
- Lift 50-100 pounds independently, and in excess of 100 pounds with assistance from another firefighter/EMT.

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- Operate and drive a fire apparatus or an ambulance during the conduct of duties.

This information is designed to give the general nature and level of work to be performed by employees assigned to this job title and must not be construed to be a complete inventory of the position's duties, responsibilities and qualifications. Employment in the State of Connecticut is, by statute, at will, and nothing in this job description should be construed as an employment contract.

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