

Job Description

Position Title: Firefighter/Paramedic

Department: Fire

Accountability: Reports to Chief of Fire Department or designee

General Statement of Duties:

General or special duty firefighting work in combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires, emergency medical services related work as required.

Distinguishing Features of Work:

Normally works under the direct supervision of a superior officer in accordance with department rules and regulations; may on occasion be required to make decisions which involve choice of action within limits defined by standard practices and instructions.

Errors could endanger life and property.

Considerable physical effort demanded, involving performance of duties in situations of personal danger and with exposure to all types of weather conditions.

Examples of Work:

Under direct supervision, to perform general duty firefighting work in combating and extinguishing fires, involving the performance of hazardous tasks under emergency conditions in protection of life and property and frequently requiring strenuous physical exertion under handicaps of smoke, extreme heat, gases, and cramped surroundings; and to perform related work as required.

Responding to alarms with assigned company to assist in combating and extinguishing fires, driving and operating equipment and appurtenances of heavy apparatus, including; aerial ladder trucks, pumpers, rescue trucks and similar firefighting apparatus. Laying coupling, connecting fire hoses; advancing fire hose into burning building to direct fog or water stream; using various heavy stream appliances and extinguishers; placing, erecting, climbing ladders, including aerial ladders; ventilating burning building; using forcible entry tools, if necessary, to open locked doors, windows and skylights, and to chop, cut or break openings in roofs, floors, partitions and ceilings; entering burning building to evacuate and rescue persons in danger, using ladders, stretchers, life nets; administering first aid and resuscitation; performing emergency rescue, such as from drowning, and extrication work such as in elevators, machinery, motor vehicles, and similar accidents; spreading salvage covers, removing excess water and debris; securing building against rekindling, trespassers and weather.

Washing and polishing, greasing, testing fire apparatus and equipment; hanging, drying, testing fire hose; maintaining clean and orderly condition of quarters and performing general maintenance repairs.

On desk watch, receiving alarms and transmitting pertinent instructions, orders and information; receiving station visitors; logging company activities.

Attending assigned training schools, fire service seminars, emergency medical training classes, department drills and company training sessions.

Participation in routine fire prevention inspections of buildings in area served by assigned company; acting as chauffer and/or aide to chief fire officer or as a fire prevention inspector; removing snow from all areas surrounding fire stations; checking condition of fire alarm boxes and circuits, assisting in general maintenance and construction of fire alarm boxes, circuits and related fire alarm equipment; removing snow from and around hydrants, testing, coding, and similar steps to maintain hydrants ready for use by the fire department.

Operating or assisting on the ambulance on emergency call during assigned tour of duty in fire department which provides ambulance service; and performing other related duties such as providing medical assistance during emergency situations including but not limited to cardio pulmonary resuscitation, shock prevention, controlling severe bleeding, administering intravenous medications and oxygen, performing endotracheal intubations, and creating patient care reports,

Desirable Qualifications:

- High school graduate.
- Working knowledge of the streets and physical layout of the town.
- Ability to understand and follow oral instructions.
- Shall have reached his/her eighteenth birthday on the date of application and possess a valid and current Massachusetts Motor Vehicle Operators License.
- Shall be able to complete and pass a physical strength and agility test.
- Shall be able to complete and pass a physical examination.

Special Requirements:

- Shall enroll, complete and pass the recruit training course sponsored by the Massachusetts Fire Academy, within twelve months of provisional appointment date.
- Shall receive and maintain a National Certification as a registered Emergency Medical Technician with a Paramedic designation as a condition of employment
- Shall reside within a 35 mile radius of Sudbury