

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT FIREFIGHTER I / EMT**

**CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POSITION:** This is skilled position in combating and preventing fires for a city fire department. An employee in this position is responsible for performing hazardous tasks in fighting fires, performing emergency medical services, and for routine tasks in the maintenance of firefighting and medical facilities and equipment. Twenty - four (24) months or more experience. Duties are performed under close supervision of the Lieutenant or high rank.

### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

- Perform fire suppression, rescue, and emergency medical duties in the protection of life and property, often requiring movement among different levels of physical buildings and structures;
- Respond to fire alarms;
- Operate fire apparatus, hoses, and ladders;
- Handles nozzles and directs water, fog, or chemicals on the blaze;
- Operates fire apparatus;
- Work in high places with dangerous machinery and sharp tools;
- Communicate accurately with other city employees, officers, government agencies, and the general public regarding fires, accidents, and emergency response situations;
- Safely care for and use fire equipment;
- Enters burning buildings in order to perform firefighting and rescue duties;
- Wear/Carry required protective clothing and gear in training, rescue, fire suppression, and EMS activities;
- Appear for work and complete assigned tasks within a reasonable period of time;
- Works in a safe manner, observing all safety rules and poses no significant risk to the health and safety of others.

### **ADDITIONAL DUTIES:**

- Operates fire apparatus;
- Opens valves and checks flow pressure;
- Uses chemical extinguisher, pike poles, and hose lines;
- Drives fire apparatus;
- Administers emergency medical care to injured individuals;
- Assist in the investigation;
- Performs fire prevention and educational duties;
- Performs general maintenance and service on fire apparatus and ambulances such as scheduled operation, inspects lights, pumping equipment, tools, gas, oil, belts, nozzles, etc.;
- Participates in training for firefighting and rescue techniques and use of appropriate tools and fire equipment;
- Reviews street and fire hydrant locations;

- Performs general custodial work in upkeep of department buildings, equipment, and facilities, involving washing, cleaning, and polishing;
- Participates in community fire prevention education programs;
- Maintains and tests fire hose and fire hydrants;
- Maintains a basic life support / E.M.T. level certification;
- Performs additional duties as required.

**DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:**

- Graduate from high school, or the equivalency, supplemented by professional fire prevention and suppression experience;
- Graduate from a Basic Training Course 400 hours, supplemented by annual training;
- Or any combination of training and experience which provides the desired knowledge, skills, and abilities;
- Must meet requirements for advancement as defined in Local 45 contract.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES DESIRED:**

- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other city employees, officers, government agencies, and the general public;
- Knowledge of the geography of the jurisdiction;
- Knowledge of federal, state, and local laws and ordinances;
- Ability to communicate effectively, including the accurate preparation of reports;
- Ability to analyze situations and act quickly and efficiently;
- Considerable knowledge of fire prevention, suppression, and investigation methods, practices, and procedures, with the ability to apply knowledge or proper procedures to specific situations;
- Knowledge of proper procedures regarding the collection of evidence;
- Knowledge regarding the use of departmental equipment;
- Significant knowledge of first-aid;
- Ability to lift and carry in excess of 100 pounds;
- Ability to operate emergency apparatus in a safe manner, observing safety rules, regulations, policies, general safety practices and applicable local, state, and federal laws.

**NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Possession of a valid vehicle operators license;
- Must be a Kentucky certified EMT;
- Must have completed Basic Firefighter Training Course 400 hours;
- Include annual training, as mandated by Kentucky State Commission on Fire Protection Personnel Standards and Education.

**ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS:**

- Ability to lift in excess of 100 pounds, often chest high, occasionally above head, while walking, climbing, pushing and/or pulling;
- Ability to work in high places;
- Exposure to toxic fumes and smoke requiring the use of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus;
- Exposure to heat, sharp items, potential falls, and bloodborne pathogens requiring the use of Personal Protective Equipment, such as helmet, coats, pants, boots, gloves, masks, and gowns;
- Exposure to hazardous chemicals, including skin absorption and inhalation requiring the use of specialized Hazardous Material Suits;
- Work is often performed out of doors during periods of inclement weather, with exposure to varying noise levels, toxic fumes dust and odors.