

**City of Waterville, Maine
Position Description**

Position Title: FIREFIGHTER/DRIVER
Department: Fire
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt
Reports to: Fire Captain
Operations Manager

DEFINITION

This is general duty firefighting work in combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires; answering emergency calls; driving fire trucks; and in operation and maintenance of fire department equipment, apparatus and quarters, usually performed under close supervision.

Work of this class involves responsibility for the performance of life and property through the performances of firefighting and rescue activities.

Work may include the operation of apparatus and the performance of hazardous tasks under emergency conditions which may require strenuous exertion.

Although firefighting and rescue work are the most difficult and responsible areas of activity, the major portion of time is spent in drilling and studying firefighting methods and techniques and in routine house duties in the care and maintenance of fire department property and equipment.

Specific orders and assignments are given by a superior officer, both in fighting fires and at the fire station.

Location: Position is located at Central Fire Station, 7 College Avenue.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

(The following are illustrative of the duties and responsibilities associated with this position and are not intended to be all-inclusive. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment of the position.)

Responds to fire alarms with a fire unit; drives and operates pump and ladder trucks; operates pumps, aerial ladders and auxiliary equipment; lays and connects hose; holds nozzles and directs fog or water streams; raises and climbs ladders; uses chemical extinguishers, bars, hooks, lines and forcible entry tools.

Removes persons from danger; administers first aid to injured persons; performs salvage operations such as throwing salvage covers, sweeping water and removing debris.

Participates in fire drills and attends classes in firefighting, first aid and related subjects; attends public gatherings to insure observance of fire safety requirements.

Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of fire department property; cleans and washes walls and floors; makes minor repairs, washes, hangs and dries hose; washes, cleans and polishes apparatus.

Cleans and services assigned apparatus and maintains it in a condition of readiness; reports mechanical failures or difficulties to a superior officer.

Performs related work as required.

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

High school graduation.

Some experience in driving automotive equipment.

Equivalent combination of training and experience.

Maine State Firefighter I Certification, or equivalent.

Maine State or National Register Emergency Medical Technician.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Some knowledge of the street system and physical layout of the city.

Ability to secure the applicable vehicle operator's license.

Ability to climb ladders and work at considerable heights.

Ability to learn a wide variety of firefighting duties and methods within a reasonable working test period.

Ability to perform the mechanical work involved in operating and maintaining firefighting apparatus, equipment and tools.

Physical strength and agility and the ability to perform arduous tasks under adverse conditions.

SPECIAL ABILITIES

The following is a list of equipment used by fire department personnel. The equipment is labeled with approximate weights that a firefighter would have to wear, carry, use or operate.

Turnout Gear - clothing a firefighter has to wear when responding to any emergency: boots, pants, coat, hood, helmet, spanner; could weigh up to 25 lbs.

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) - a firefighter must wear an SCBA when involved with firefighting; 42 lbs.

Tools - a firefighter would, at times, have to carry and/or use the following tools:

Haligon	12 lbs
Fire Axe	5 lbs
24 Foot Extension Ladder	63 lbs
Roof Ladder	32 lbs
Fire Extinguishers: Co ²	46 lbs
Dry Chemical	36 lbs

Equipment - a firefighter would, at times, be asked to use, lift and/or carry the following equipment:

Ventilation Saw	34 lbs
Ventilation Fan	43 lbs
Indian Tank (filled with water)	53 lbs
Salvage Cover	31 lbs
Foam (5 gallon can)	48 lbs
Deluge Gun (with help)	113 lbs

Hose - a firefighter will, at times, be asked to lift, use, pull and/or carry the following denominations of hoses: 1" booster hose; 1-1/2" attack hose; 1-3/4" attack hose; 2-1/2" attack hose; 4" water supply hose.

100' x 4" hose	98 lbs
200' x 1¾" hose	74 lbs

Supervisory Responsibilities: None.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to do this job. The above is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities and duties required.

***External and internal applicants, as well as position incumbents who become disabled as defined under the Americans With Disabilities Act, must be able to perform the essential job functions (as listed) either unaided or with the assistance of a reasonable accommodation to be determined by management on a case by case basis.**

This job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee, and is subject to change by the employer, as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.

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