

MT. LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA
JOB DESCRIPTION
JANUARY 2020

FIRE LIEUTENANT

REPORTS TO: DEPUTY CHIEFS

GIVES DIRECTION TO: VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

NATURE OF WORK

This is a supervisory level position requiring substantial fire service knowledge, skills, abilities and background. It entails skilled work that consists primarily of delivering emergency services to the residents of the community. Principally, these services are delivered in the areas of fire protection, rescue, hazardous materials and emergency medical services.

The work is performed under widely varying environmental conditions. The work may require strenuous exertion for extended periods of time. It is often performed in emergency situations where death, trauma and/or property damage have occurred. At times the well being of the worker may be at risk. Because of the aforementioned, the work can be very stressful. Position may require the company officer to work overnight and weekend shifts of extended duration. Company officers need to make critical decisions under stressful conditions. Company Officers act in supervisory capacity to volunteer firefighters.

ESSENTIAL JOB TASKS

- Carries raises and takes down ground ladders ranging from 12 to 55 feet; operates aerial ladders.
- Lays, charges and operates a hose (line); collects, folds and re-loads hose on engine.
- Carries and throws tarps; operates portable pumps and saws; breeches walls, moves or removes furniture, obstacles.
- Climbs stairs and ladders carrying equipment such as forcible entry equipment, protective gear, and uncharged hose lines with nozzles.
- Wears a respirator (SCBA) in order to safely perform firefighting operations, or perform rescues in conditions where smoke or gases may be present; duties may require a fire fighter to wear a SCBA thirty (30) minutes to several hours at one time.
- Cuts or creates openings in structures to ventilate smoke/gases using power saw, ax or other tools.
- Searches premises and rescues (and removes) victims by carrying them down stairs or ladders; administers first aid to victims (includes CPR, placing victim on backboard, administering first aid).
- Sizes up a motor vehicle accident scene; operates extraction tools such as hydraulic jaws, ram, and cutters; dismantles vehicles to safely extricate victims.
- Performs equipment checks; pulls equipment out of compartments for cleaning and maintenance; washes engines, trucks.
- Performs household duties at fire station such as sweeping, mopping, power washing, lawn mowing.
- Inspects business/industrial locations for compliance with fire codes.
- Educates the public on fire safety issues and rules.

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PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS OF JOB TASKS

While wearing personal protective ensembles and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), performing fire-fighting tasks (e.g., hoseline operations, extensive crawling, lifting and carrying heavy objects, ventilating roofs or walls using power or hand tools, forcible entry), rescue operations, and other emergency response actions under stressful conditions including working in extremely hot or cold environments for prolonged time periods

Wearing an SCBA, which includes a demand valve-type positive-pressure facepiece or HEPA filter masks, which requires the ability to tolerate increased respiratory workloads

Climbing six or more flights of stairs while wearing a fire protective ensemble, including SCBA, weighing at least 50 lb (22.6 kg) or more and carrying equipment/tools weighing an additional 20 to 40 lb (9 to 18 kg)

Wearing a fire protective ensemble, including SCBA, that is encapsulating and insulated, which will result in significant fluid loss that frequently progresses to clinical dehydration and can elevate core temperature to levels exceeding 102.2°F (39°C)

While wearing personal protective ensembles and SCBA, searching, finding, and rescue-dragging or carrying victims ranging from newborns to adults weighing over 200 lb (90 kg) to safety despite hazardous conditions and low visibility

While wearing personal protective ensembles and SCBA, advancing water-filled hoselines up to 2 1/2 in. (65 mm) in diameter from fire apparatus to occupancy [approximately 150 ft (50 m)], which can involve negotiating multiple flights of stairs, ladders, and other obstacles

While wearing personal protective ensembles and SCBA, climbing ladders, operating from heights, walking or crawling in the dark along narrow and uneven surfaces that might be wet or icy, and operating in proximity to electrical power lines or other hazards

Unpredictable emergency requirements for prolonged periods of extreme physical exertion without benefit of warm-up, scheduled rest periods, meals, access to medication(s), or hydration

Operating fire apparatus or other vehicles in an emergency mode with emergency lights and sirens

Critical, time-sensitive, complex problem solving during physical exertion in stressful, hazardous environments, including hot, dark, tightly enclosed spaces, that is further aggravated by fatigue, flashing lights, sirens, and other distractions

Ability to communicate (give and comprehend verbal orders) while wearing personal protective ensembles and SCBA under conditions of high background noise, poor visibility, and drenching from hoselines and/or fixed protection systems (sprinklers)

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ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- Supervision of subordinate fire lieutenants, volunteer firefighters and task groups.
- Perform fire prevention and suppression activities.
- Conduct public education programs.
- Conduct rescue operations.
- Hazardous material recognition and mitigation.
- Provide EMS support.
- Performs daily station duties, shift duties, and maintains physical fitness.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Understand and follow oral and written instruction.
- Public speaking skills for small and large groups.
- Operate a variety of tools, equipment and machinery.
- Drive and operate special apparatus.
- Knowledge of current firefighting, hazmat and rescue techniques and methods.
- Knowledge of fire prevention code and building codes.
- Emergency medical procedures and CPR.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- High school diploma or G.E.D.
- Possess a valid driver's license.
- Possess Firefighter II certification from any state by the National Firefighter Professional Qualifications Board (Pro Board) or the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).
- Have completed at least 30 credit hours of post secondary education at an accredited college or university, with a grade "C" or better.
- Be able to obtain PA DOH or National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification and Class B Commercial Drivers License within 12 months of hire..
- Be able to obtain Fire Officer I certification within two (2) years of being hired.
- Be able to acquire a minimum of an associate's degree in Fire Science from an accredited institution of higher learning within three (3) years of being hired.