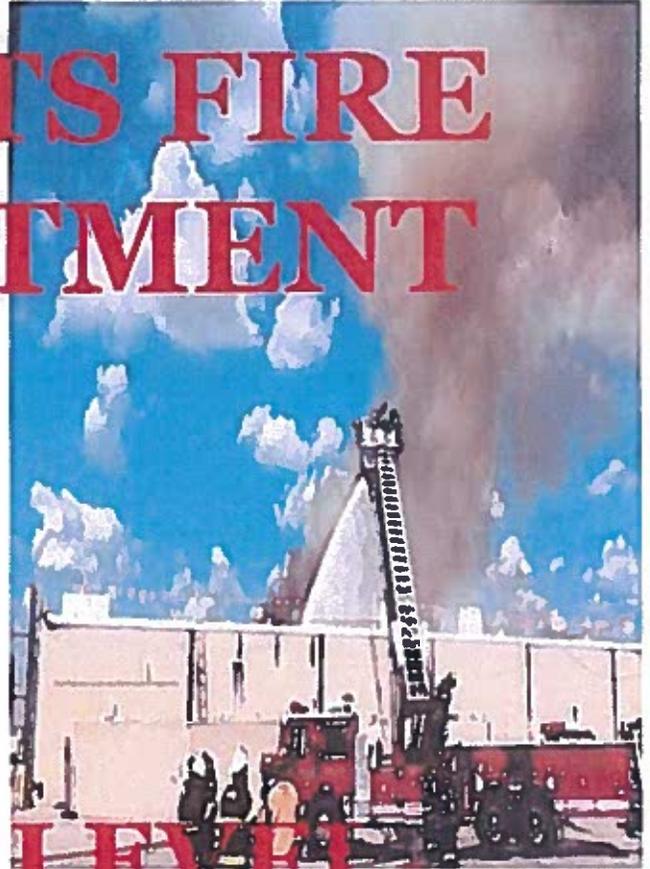
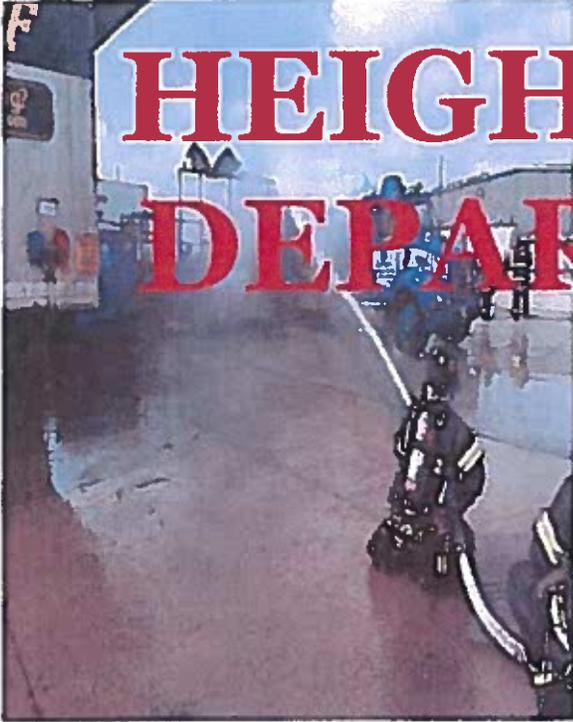


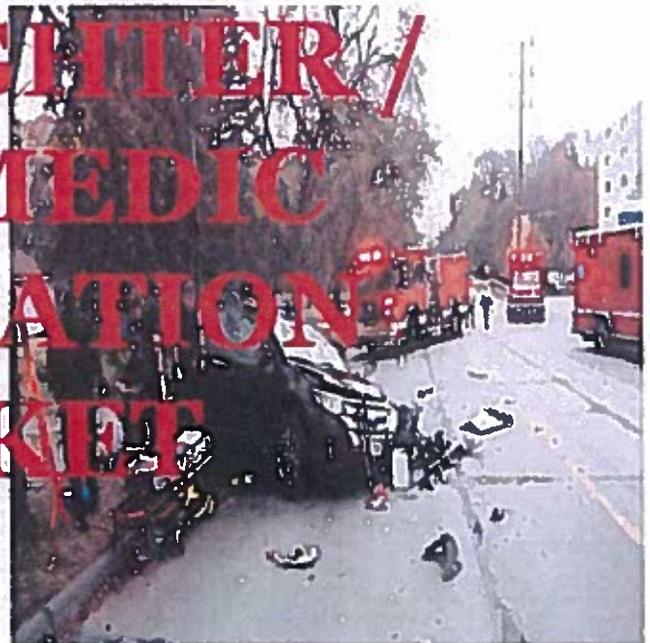
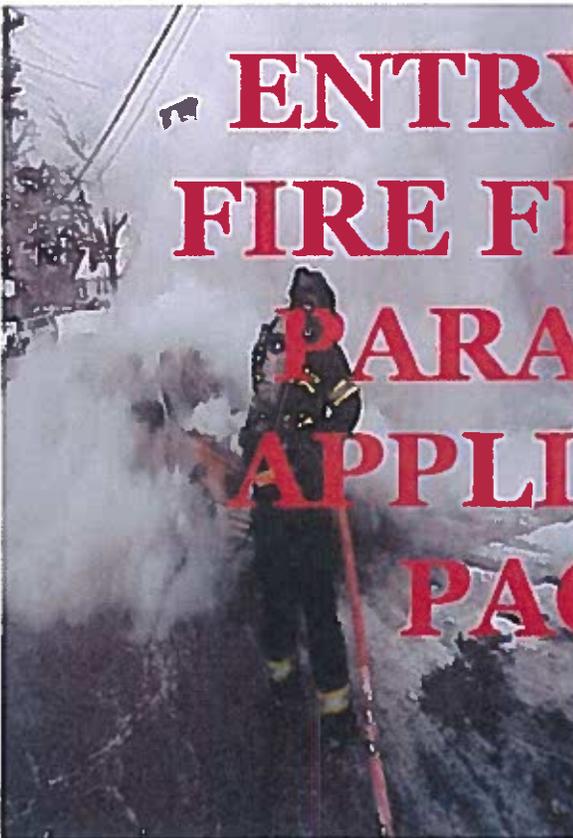
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JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Firefighter Paramedic

DEPARTMENT: Fire

GENERAL PURPOSE: Performs a variety of hazardous tasks when engaged in combating, extinguishing and preventing fires; in answering emergency medical calls, extricating and rescuing individuals from fires and entrapment, treating the sick and injured, and in operation and maintenance of fire department equipment, apparatus, and quarters.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Work is performed under the direct supervision of the station Lieutenant or the Asst. Chief with complete oversight of the entire department by the Fire Chief.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: None

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: Appointee must hold a valid Ohio driver's license and have a "good driving record" as evidenced by: insurability, as determined by the cities motor vehicle insurance carrier, free of felony driving convictions, or six (6) point BMV administrative actions within the past five years; at time of appointment to the position. Must be able to maintain a good driving record at all times.

A firefighter/paramedic is expected to keep himself/herself in physical condition sufficient to engage in strenuous physical activity, involving lifting strength, endurance, or flexibility.

Appointee must have no felony convictions for any offense, or any undetected felonious criminality for which criminal liability may still invoke, no 1st or 2nd degree misdemeanor or offense of violence over the past five years. Conviction(s) for any offense of domestic violence will be grounds for rejection.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Attends training courses, reads and understands assigned materials related to emergency medical care, firefighting and fire prevention. Performs the necessary tasks associated with the certified level of EMT-P and maintaining the prescribed level of certification.

Responds to fire alarms with a company; operates pumps, aerial ladders and auxiliary equipment; lays and connects hose; holds nozzles directs fog or water streams; raises ladders, uses chemical extinguishers, bars, hooks, lines, and other equipment. Is comfortable wearing and using self contained breathing apparatus.

Ventilates burning buildings by opening windows and skylights using power equipment or by chopping holes in roofs and floors; removes persons from danger, administers first aid to injured persons, performs salvage operation such as throwing salvage covers, vacuuming and removing water, cleaning up and removing debris.

Responds to vehicle accident scenes and performs extrication techniques using specialized rescue equipment during emergency situations.

Participates in live fire, rope rescue, rappelling and hazardous materials training. Attends classes in firefighting and emergency medical care.

Performs general maintenance work in the up-keep of fire department property; prepares and submits reports and forms regarding alarms, supplies, equipment and other matters pertaining to his/her unit. Makes minor repairs to property and equipment; washes, hangs and dries hoses, washes, cleans and disinfects equipment and apparatus.

Relays orders, instructions and information accurately.

Tests, flushes and maintains fire hydrants.

Performs assigned fire inspections, checks building exits and related structures and appurtenances for compliance with fire prevention ordinances.

Performs related work as assigned.

Completes reports accurately and in a timely fashion.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: This position involves both station duties and response work, performing typical station duties such as cleaning of the general living and office areas, cleaning of the fire apparatus. The work shift will consist of 24 hours on duty and 48 hours off duty. The employee will be exposed to all types of weather conditions and temperature fluctuations, from bitter cold to extreme heat and humidity. The employee will be exposed to: noise levels ranging from moderate to very loud, from open areas to very cramped confined spaces, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, risk of electrical shock, and vibration. The work environment will subject the employee to heavy traffic conditions both in responding to emergency calls and when attempting extrications at accident scenes. Although firefighting and rescue work are the most difficult and responsible areas of activity, the major portion of time is spent drilling and studying methods, techniques, and organization, and in routine duties in the care and maintenance of fire department property and equipment.

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT: The employee will be required to use a personal computer and telephone during station functions. In the field the employee must drive a fire engine, ladder truck, rescue squad or ambulance. He/she must be comfortable wearing full turnout gear, self contained breathing apparatus. He/she will use axes, halligans, pry bars, hose, nozzles, electric and gas powered fans, ladders, ropes, saws (both hand and gas operated), portable radios, lights and any other equipment necessary to complete his/her tasks.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit, talk and hear. The employee is required to walk briskly; use hand to finger motions;

handle or feel objects, tools or controls; and reach with hands and arms both above the head and below the feet. The employee is often required to lift objects from a standing, crouching or lying position whose weight may exceed his/her own. He/she is required to lift and carry heavy fire equipment and tools, medical equipment and self contained breathing apparatus some distance from the fire apparatus to the scene of the emergency.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to stand, walk, and use hands and fingers to handle or operate objects, tools or controls and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to sit, climb or balance, stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl, talk or hear, and taste or smell.

The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 10 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 170 pounds.

Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus. Vision abilities required by this job include 20/20 vision, corrected.

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

REQUIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Ability to read and write the English language.

Ability to learn the street system and physical layout of the city.

Ability to climb ladders and work at considerable heights, and also to work well below grade in dark, confined spaces.

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

Ability to adapt to a number of different situations that could all happen at the same time.

Ability to learn ambulance procedures and operations, learn patient care and how to deal with serious patient trauma.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees and the general public.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to learn to operate all fire and medical apparatus and equipment and to share knowledge of one's own individual skills and expertise.

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Have good health and strength sufficient to perform arduous work, and motivation to maintain personal fitness and wellness.

Possess a positive mental attitude with the desire and motivation to achieve a higher position on the department through attendance at classes and self-study.

Ability to pass the State of Ohio requirement for licensure for driving and operating emergency vehicles.

Graduation from a standard high school or vocational school.

Certification as Ohio Fire Firefighter II.

Certification from the State of Ohio as an EMT-Paramedic.

DISCLAIMER: The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the person assigned to this position. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of responsibilities, duties and skills required. This job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and the employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and the job requirements change.