

South Portland Fire Department

CALL FIREFIGHTER

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Performs a variety of hazardous tasks when engaging in 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 stations.

APPOINTMENT:

Entry Level Position

REPORTS TO:

Fire Company Officers

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 18 years of age at appointment.
- Graduation from High School or G.E.D.
- Ability to speak, read, write, and understand the English language.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Responds to alarms with a company to operate 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.
- Utilizes self contained breathing apparatus.
- Ventilates burning buildings by opening windows and skylights using power equipment or by chopping holes in roofs and floors
- Rescues persons from danger
- Administers first aid & CPR to injured persons
- Performs salvage operations 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 heavy hydraulic equipment during emergency situations.
- Attends classes in Firefighting, Fire Prevention, Rescue, Hazardous Materials, and Emergency Medical Care.
- Performs general maintenance work in the up-keep of fire department property.
- Prepares and submits reports 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 pumps and records results.
- Tests fire hydrants and records flow information for department use.
- Tests hose.
- Performs assigned fire inspections, checks building exits and related structures and appurtenances for compliance with fire prevention ordinances.

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- In the absence of a Fire Company Officer supervises junior firefighters or as assigned by Fire Company Officers.
- Utilizes radios and mobile telephones to relay information.
- Utilizes personal protective equipment to reduce the spread of infectious disease in accordance with the exposure control plan.
- All other duties as assigned by Fire Company Officers.

SKILLS:

- Working knowledge of modern fire prevention and suppression methods, equipment and supplies.
- Working knowledge of technical fire fighting techniques and the principles of hydraulics applied to fire suppression.
- Working knowledge of the Incident Command & Incident Management Systems.
- Working knowledge of department rules and regulations.
- Working knowledge of department policy & procedure manual.
- Working knowledge of life saving and rescue techniques.
- Working knowledge of streets and locations throughout the town.
- Working knowledge of the use and maintenance of fire fighting equipment and apparatus.
- Working knowledge of the use and maintenance of tools and equipment contained in emergency vehicles.
- Skill in the operation of a variety of fire vehicles, apparatus and specialized tools, equipment, and vehicles.
- Skill in the performance of routine mechanical and maintenance tasks and the utilization of tools, ropes and equipment.
- Ability to work in extreme climate conditions from dry to humid and from extremely cold to extremely hot.
- Ability to work in noisy and loud environments.
- Ability to work safely in roadways where traffic may be moving.
- Ability to use axes, haligans, 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.
- Ability to wear heavy personal protective equipment for extended periods of time.
- Ability to utilize tools, equipment and perform tasks with limited sensory and motor function.
- Ability to lift & move heavy objects from a standing, crouching or lying position.
- Ability to follow directions and orders.
- Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with staff and the general public.
- Ability to learn a wide variety of firefighting duties and methods.
- Ability to perform heavy physical labor under arduous conditions.
- Ability to wear an SCBA Respirator & perform strenuous work in a hazardous working environment.

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- Ability to learn to perform various tasks utilizing a computer.
- Ability to remain calm during stressful events.

INITIAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

- Basic Fire School
- NIMS 700 & 100
- CEVO III Driver Safety Class
- Public Safety Traffic Flagger

ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Hazardous Materials: Awareness
- Fire Extinguisher Training
- Workplace Harassment
- Right Two Know
- Lockout/Tagout
- Hearing Protection
- Respiratory Protection Training (SCBA) (if medically cleared)
- Respiratory Fit Test
- Driver Training (if certified to operate department apparatus)

PROBATIONARY REQUIREMENTS:

- 1-year probation period from appointment.
- Attain Basic Fire School Certification
- Complete all annual mandatory training requirements.