

CLASS TITLE: **FIREFIGHTER**

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS: Under supervision, engages in firefighting and fire prevention activities and maintains fire department property and equipment; and performs related duties as required.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES: Responds to fire alarms and fights fires using various types of firefighting equipment; maintains fire equipment apparatus; assists in cleaning and maintaining station house premises; participates in fire drills and attends classes on firefighting; stands watch at fire stations to receive and transmit fire alarms; may drive motor vehicles; and may respond to hazardous materials incidents

DESIRABLE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Training and Experience. Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency certification through G.E.D.; or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Knowledge, Abilities and Skills. Good knowledge of the location of City streets. Some knowledge of the method and techniques of extinguishing fires and rescuing people from fires. Some knowledge of first aid techniques

Ability to work long hours under adverse conditions including inclement weather. Ability to follow oral instructions. Ability to react calmly in emergency situations and to use good judgment in evaluating life-threatening situations and making decisions.

Working skill in the application of modern firefighting techniques. Working skill in maintaining effective work relationships. Working skill in caring for and maintaining firefighting tools, equipment, and apparatus.

NOTE Must possess a valid State of Illinois driver's license.