

FIRE BATTALION CHIEF

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is responsible supervisory fire fighting and prevention work in directing fire activities in an assigned district. Work involves responsibility for the administrative and technical work involved in the operation of a fire district. Employees are expected to solve most of the routine problems that arise by the use of independent judgment and a thorough knowledge of department operations. Work is performed in accordance with departmental regulations and is subject to review by the Fire Chief.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

- Responds to fire alarms in an assigned district; relieves subordinate officers of command upon arrival at fire;
- Makes decisions as to methods of combating fires; directs fire fighting and life saving operations until relieved by the Fire Chief;
- Orders apparatus and equipment not needed at fire to return to stations; determines if more assistance is needed and orders additional alarms;
- Investigates and reports upon causes of fire;
- Makes inspection of company personnel, quarters, apparatus and equipment, and records and reports on conditions; reviews and reports on company drills;
- Reports to and confers with Fire Chief on personnel and other administrative matters;
- Directs the inspection of business establishments, schools, churches and other buildings in an assigned district for fire and safety hazards;
- Reviews fire inspection and personnel records;
- Performs related work as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

- Thorough knowledge of modern fire fighting principles, practices and procedures;
- Thorough knowledge of the operations, use and maintenance of the various types of apparatus and equipment used in fire fighting activities;
- Considerable knowledge of first aid principles;
- Considerable knowledge of the principles and practices involved in instructing and training personnel and their application to specific training problems;
- Considerable knowledge of departmental principles, rules and regulations and of fire prevention methods;
- Considerable knowledge of the location of streets and the physical layout of the city;
- Considerable knowledge of the location of water mains, fire hydrants and major fire hazards in the city;

- Ability to direct the operations of personnel and the equipment under emergency conditions;
- Ability to analyze situations correctly and quickly and to adopt effective courses of action giving due regard to surrounding hazards and circumstances; ability to command the respect of officers and men and to maintain discipline, morale and effective working relationships;
- Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Five (5) years experience in firefighting, including eighteen (18) months in command of a fire company as a permanently appointed Captain.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Possession of a valid New York State Health Department Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B) Certification at time of appointment and for the duration of employment.

A valid NYS Driver's license is required at time of appointment and for duration of employment.

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