

HARRISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

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EMT/FIREFIGHTER JOB DESCRIPTION

General Statement of Duties

The Harrisville Fire District is accepting applications for the position of EMT/Firefighter. This position responds to fire, medical, and other emergency situations and provides appropriate assistance. Employees in this position participate in continuous training dealing with all phases of fire suppression, prevention, pre-plans, rescue and emergency operation. The firefighter's work also includes active participation in EMS, public education, and training activities. Work is performed under the supervision of a senior department member who reviews his/her progress through observation and review.

Essential Duties and Tasks

- Responds with personnel, equipment, and apparatus to fire, emergency medical, hazardous materials and rescue incidents.
- May respond on an engine, ladder or rescue unit and perform duties such as: stretching hose lines, manipulating nozzles and directing streams of water, climbs aerial and ground ladders, conducts forcible entry, ventilates structures, utilizes handheld fire extinguishers, utilizes hand-tools, power/pneumatic tools, hydraulic tools, utility and rescue rope and other equipment.
- Provides emergency medical care and assistance to sick and injured persons in accordance with RI EMS protocols; removes entrapped victims from motor vehicle accidents and other hazardous situations; assists with loading and participates in the transportation of sick and injured persons to appropriate medical facilities.
- Performs rescue type operations involving water, high and low angle, trench, collapse, search, and confined space.
- Performs salvage operations; throwing tarps, removing water and debris.
- Wears protective clothing including self-contained breathing apparatus, while making entry into burning and smoke-filled structures to perform firefighting operations.
- Assists in maintaining fire apparatus and equipment, and cleaning firehouse and the firehouse grounds.

- Maneuvers and connects hose from engine; climb ladders, use fire extinguishers and other mechanical equipment as required; ensures that assigned hand tools and other equipment are on the apparatus and are in good working order.
- Conducts pre-incident surveys.
- Participates in Fire Prevention activities consisting of; inspections, code enforcement, and public education.
- Assures readiness of equipment and apparatus.
- Work may require additional training and associated duties for assignment to the Ladder Company or other specialized apparatus.
- Completes duties in accordance with department SOG'S.
- Responds punctually to alarms and to all assignments.
- Safely operates a motor vehicle for the purpose of conducting official duties of the Harrisville Fire District
- Addresses critical fireground safety hazards.
- Communicates effectively with the command center and personnel, conveying unusual conditions and/or dynamics of an incident.
- Attends in-service classes in firefighting, emergency medical service, and related duties to ensure that minimum company standards are maintained.
- Maintains regular and reliable attendance in accordance with leave policies.
- Demonstrates superior seamless customer service, integrity, and commitment to innovation, efficiency, and fiscally responsible activity.
- Performs other tasks as required.

Physical Requirements

Primary functions require sufficient physical ability to respond to emergency alarms. Work in this class is extremely physical and requires normal dexterity in the hands, feet, legs, body, and head to perform firefighting and rescue work. Occasional lifting and carrying objects weighing more than 100 pounds is required in the work. Sufficient clarity of speech and hearing which permits the employee to discern verbal instructions, communicate effectively on the telephone, department radio equipment, and in person is extremely important.