

Fire Captain

Nature of Work

This is a supervisory and technical fire fighting position.

Responsibility for directing the activities of firefighting personnel, including their safety and the effective and efficient extinguishment of fires until relieved by superior. Responsibility for proper maintenance and operation of the fire station and equipment, supervision over engineers and firefighters and insures that all departmental policies, rules and regulations are followed. Directs and participates in maintenance and cleaning of the station, equipment and apparatus; inspects personnel and maintains discipline; prepares or directs the preparation and maintenance of all necessary records and reports.

Examples of Work

The Captain plans work assignments of personnel at his assigned station. The Captain responds to alarms of fire, rescue, or first aid and directs operations until relieved by a superior. The Captain assists the Chief and Assistant Chief in all programs of the Fire Department including training of personnel. He will carry out all assignments from his Assistant Chief and perform related work as required.

Minimum Qualifications

5 years firefighting experience

Knowledge of, and ability to comply with, NFPA 1021, "Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications (1997 Edition)", Fire Officer II (Chapter 3), including these areas:

1. Human Resource Management
2. Community and Government Relations
3. Administration
4. Inspection and Investigation
5. Emergency Service Delivery
6. Safety
7. Service as a District Lieutenant, where applicable.

Desirable Knowledge, Ability, and Skills

The Captain shall have considerable knowledge of modern fire fighting principles, rescue techniques, first aid procedures, and laws relating to the fire service.

He will have knowledge of principles of combustion, explosion, and extinguishment.

He will have the knowledge of Fire Department policies, rules and regulations, Standard Operating Procedures, geography of the District, water distribution systems, and fire cause investigation.

He should have the ability to instruct, maintain discipline, maintain effective working relationships with subordinates, other related agencies and the general public.

Desirable Education and Experience

Completion of the state mandated full time firefighter course is required as well as the state mandated certification as a First Responder. Graduation from high school is desired, supplemented by specialized fire training.

He should have experience in fire fighting, rescue and first aid, and possess supervisory abilities