

# **Firefighter**

## **Nature of Work**

Fire fighting is a skilled profession designed to prevent, combat and extinguish fires.

The work involves protecting the life and property of the people of the community through skills in fire fighting, rescue, first aid and related duties. The work may require strenuous exertion in the operation of hazardous emergency conditions compounded by the handicap of smoke, heat and unfamiliar surroundings. When not involved in fire fighting activities, he or she will be required to spend time in drill and study programs and to perform routine duties on care and maintenance of station equipment, buildings and grounds.

## **Examples of Work**

The firefighter shall respond to all alarms of emergencies in his/her District when available.

Firefighters will participate in fire drills, attend regular training exercises, learn emergency first aid, participate in driver education classes, and work diligently toward proficiency in these duties.

Perform general custodial work in the upkeep of departmental apparatus, equipment and facilities, and perform related work as required.

Be observant of incendiary cause of fire apparent or suspicious of cause. He or she shall notify his or her superior officer of any facts he may have learned.

## **Desirable Knowledge, Ability, and Skill**

A firefighter should have the ability to learn a variety of firefighting, rescue, and first aid methods and techniques.

A firefighter should have the ability to utilize all the tools of his trade, perform all functions designated as his or her duty, and continually update his training as to new methods and equipment.

A firefighter should have the ability to follow orders and adapt quickly to rapidly changing situations under stress of emergency situations.

## **Desirable Education and Experience**

Completion of the basic state mandated firefighter course is required. Additional State of Ohio certified firefighter classes (NFPA Firefighter I and II) may be required. State mandated certification as First Responder if desired. Graduation from high school is required. Must complete other District requirements such as an annual physical exam, mask fit tests, and an agility test.