



ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

OG - 100-203

Assistant Fire Chief

Job Summary

The Assistant Chief (AC) is the junior most of the Chief Officers, and is next higher in rank above a Captain. The AC is expected to be experienced at and be able to perform the duties of a firefighter and a junior line officer. The AC is also expected to be able to perform the duties of the fire chief in his/her absence. An Assistant Chief is expected to have extensive knowledge of fire suppression and rescue techniques and assists the Fire Chief with the managerial responsibilities associated with the day to day operations of the fire company.

Essential Job Functions

These duties while listed as essential job functions of the Assistant Fire Chief may be delegated as deemed necessary by the Assistant Fire Chief.

- Perform the essential job functions of a firefighter, as well as the junior line officers.
- Performs size up of emergency incidents to determine that proper manpower, equipment and tactics are utilized to resolve the incident.
- Directs incoming apparatus for proper placement and water supply.
- Directs manpower and equipment at an emergency incident for mitigation of the incident.
- Formulates and implements tactics at an emergency incident to mitigate the incident.
- Assists in formulating and implementing policies and procedures necessary for line operations of the fire company.
- Ensures that equipment, safety clothing, apparatus, and supplies are specified, purchased, received and distributed in an effective manner.
- Serves as Fire Chief in the absence of more senior officers.

Other Duties

- Participates in ongoing training and education.
- Directs training of firefighters and junior officers.
- Maintains administrative records and performs administrative duties as directed by the Fire Chief.

Physical Requirements

- Same as an Interior Firefighter.