



ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

OG - 100-205

Captain

Job Summary

A Captain is a line officer next higher in rank than a Lieutenant. The position of Captain is similar to that of a Lieutenant. The Captain is expected to be experienced and be able to perform the duties of a Firefighter. The Captain is responsible for the supervision of a crew of up to seven (7) firefighters and the apparatus they respond on when dispatched to emergency scenes, including fires, medical calls, auto accidents, hazardous materials incidents, etc. When a Captain is the first fire officer to arrive at an emergency scene, they are to take charge as Incident Commander until relieved by a higher ranking officer.

Essential Job Functions

In addition to the job functions of a Firefighter, a Captain is expected to:

- Ensure that personnel are properly equipped and safely on apparatus before responding to an alarm
- Ensure that the apparatus is driven safely and that proper warning systems are used
- Ensure that the route is safe and be aware of other responding units
- Check maps to determine routes, building and water supply locations, etc.
- Ensure the appropriate location for spotting aerial or pumping apparatus, or other vehicles
- Provide situation and status reports via the radio while approaching fire or emergency scene
- Receive and interpret information from dispatcher
- Size up potential fire or emergency situation while enroute
- Conduct initial size up at fire or emergency scene
- Direct and perform fire suppression operations
- Direct and perform rescue operations by determining the best rescue methods, equipment, and personnel needed for rescue
- Oversee the extrication of victims trapped in buildings, vehicles, trenches, or other hazards
- Supervise the activities of assigned personnel at emergency scenes
- Direct crew in carrying out orders from superior officers at emergency scenes
- Maintain proper radio communications during emergency incidents

Other Duties

- Participates in ongoing training and education.
- Maintains administrative records and performs administrative duties as directed by the Fire Chief.

Physical Requirements

- Same as a Firefighter

Qualifications

- Experience and Competency per NFPA 1021 – National Fire Protection Association Standard for Fire Officer Qualifications; Firefighter II Certification or Documented Equivalency; Ongoing participation with recognized Officer Development Programs; Subject to Peer Review