



ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

OG - 100-210

Fire Fighter

Job Summary

Protects lives and property through activities associated with fire prevention, rescue, fire-fighting, hazardous materials and emergency medical incidents and participates in the training and maintenance activities necessary to achieve that end.

Essential Job Functions

- Responds to emergency and non-emergency calls including but not limited to fire alarms, rescue calls, hazardous materials, and other major incidents.
- Operates equipment associated with fire-fighting, rescue, salvage and maintenance.
- Enters burning buildings to accomplish extinguishment and/or rescue while wearing firefighter turnout gear and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.
- Advances charged and uncharged hose lines and applies extinguishing agents to fires.
- Protects property from unnecessary smoke and water damage by using salvage covers, positive pressure ventilation fans and water vacuum.
- Performs overhaul as directed to ensure that the fire has been extinguished.
- Positions and climbs ladders to gain access to upper floors or to accomplish rescue.
- Climbs, crawls and runs as necessary to accomplish fire extinguishment, rescue and personal safety.
- Carries and/or moves heavy equipment and/or objects necessary to accomplish fire extinguishment or rescue.
- Performs rescue operations as needed and within the limits of his/her training, including vehicle rescue, high angle rescue, trench rescue, elevator rescue, water rescue, etc.
- Operates as directed at hazardous material incidents.
- Communicates verbally by means of two-way radio as well as person-to-person when assigned to do so.

Other Duties

- Assists the local emergency medical service provider as necessary or when requested.
- Maintains apparatus, equipment, buildings and grounds.
- Participates in all phases of training necessary to acquire the knowledge and skills required of the position.
- Conducts station tours for the public, school, and community demonstrations and programs.

Physical Requirements

- Must be able to operate in a fire while wearing Firefighter Turnout gear with Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).
- Must have the ability to open and close valves and advance a hose line while discharging water.
- Must be able to lift, move and climb a ladder.
- Must have agility to climb on roofs and crawl through confined spaces.
- Must be able to carry heavy loads up and down stairs.
- Must be able to run with and drag hose lines.
- Must be able to grasp and safely use hand tools such as an axe, Haligan tool, pike pole, rope, chain saw, shovel, Hurst tool, etc.
- Must be able to hear alarms and respond.
- Must be able to effectively communicate via two-way radio and over the telephone.