**FIREFIGHTER I**

**Job Status:**

Part-time

**Job Closing Date:**

Open until positions are filled

**Interviews and Additional Testing:**

Provided by the Fire Chief after application review if selected to proceed in the process

**Ability to fill needed shifts**

Candidates will be selected based on their ability to fulfill JFD shift needs

**First pay period of work:**

Determined upon the applicant meeting all requirements.

**CITY OF JEFFERSON** **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Title:    Entry Level Firefighter I**

**General Job Description:**

This position is varied in its daily requirements. This position will require the applicant to perform as a Firefighter-I as outlined under the National Fire Protection Administration (NFPA) 1001: Standard for Professional Firefighter Qualifications. Perform emergency medical skills in a variety of situations to the level of a Georgia Emergency Medical Responder. Carry out general duties known to firefighters within the stations, on the apparatus, and throughout the fire response area.

The scope of work in this position includes fighting fires, checking equipment, cleaning stations, performing training, staying fit, cleaning hydrants, testing hoses, and related tasks and similar assigned manual labor duties.

**Supervision Received:**

* This position works under an assigned Captain.

**Supervision Exercised:**

* None
* **Illustrative Tasks:**
* Perform routine cleaning and maintenance of fire stations.
* Perform routine cleaning and maintenance of both fire apparatus and equipment.
* Perform routine cleaning and inspection of life-saving gear and uniforms.
* Advances, maneuvers, and reloads firehouse.
* Performs searches and rescues inside burning buildings and extinguishes fires.
* Provides medical care and rescue services as trained and within our guidelines.
* Works as a team member and communicates in all situations.
* Perform other related duties as assigned.

**Knowledge, Abilities and Skills:**

* Effectively deal with the public using tact and diplomacy;
* Ability to follow directions and operate under the Incident Command System;
* Rely on speech, as well as senses of sight, hearing, smell, and touch to help determine the nature of the emergency, maintain personal safety, and make critical decisions in a confused, chaotic, and potentially life threatening environment;
* Ability to immediately respond to highly emotional and high stress or physically taxing situations without any warning or warm up; then return to daily activities thereafter;
* Ability to work rotating shifts, holidays, weekends, and long hours as necessary;
* Ability to locate places on a map, and receive radio instructions;
* Willingness to work with others and follow orders or allow a superior officer(s) or other trained experts to take charge as required. Must be flexible in dealing with situations;
* Learn job related material through lectures, reading, oral instruction, and observation. This learning takes place in both classroom settings and on-the-job settings;
* Work cooperatively with co-workers, other city employees, and the public;
* Work for long periods, requiring sustained physical activity and intense concentration while working in extreme environments and changing weather conditions;
* Work at heights greater than ten feet;
* Operate power driven machinery such as positive pressure fans and chain saws;
* Participates in physical fitness activities to maintain physical conditioning;
* Knowledge of basic fire principles, terminology, and safety measures;
* Inspect, maintain, and properly don and doff firefighting turn-out gear;
* Inspect, maintain, and properly don and doff SCBA;
* Preform emergency SCBA procedures in calm and stressed atmospheres;
* Understand and identify fire behavior;
* Understand and identify fire hoses, appliances, and streams;
* Pull, lay, connect, inspect, maintain, and properly reload fire hoses;
* Hold nozzles and properly direct water streams;
* Properly advance on and control fire situations;
* Conduct forcible entry and exit techniques;
* Correctly lift, carry, and execute ladder raises and lowering;
* Execute ventilation techniques in both horizontal and vertical situations;
* Use chemical and water extinguishers;
* Use bars, hooks, lines, and other firefighting equipment proficiently;
* Safely check, maintain, start, and operate motor driven small engines;
* Perform salvage and over-haul operations;
* Be able to identify and assist with water supply operations;
* Administer medical care to the level of training required;
* Understand and operate at hazardous material scenes to the level trained;
* Performs general maintenance work in the up-keep of department property;
* Ability to operate a two-way radio;
* Understand alarm dispatch and communication procedures;
* Ability to learn, operate, and maintain firefighting and emergency equipment;
* Perform a primary and secondary search, and execute a rescue if warranted;
* Drag and carry victims, and bring victims down a ladder;
* Ability to declare a May-Day, exit a hazardous area, and initiate rapid escape procedures;
* Knowledge of and ability to use manual and power tools in the performance of duties;
* Extinguish car fires, ground cover fires, and exterior class-A fires;
* Ability to take the nozzle during interior fires;

**Physical Demands:**

* Ability to perform strenuous duties for prolonged periods in extreme weather and firefighting situations;
* Physical strength, endurance, and agility to handle the extreme stresses of the position, to rescue persons from burning structures, and to risk life in the pursuit of fire saving efforts. Must be able to use a respirator and perform duties in confined spaces;
* Must possess sufficient strength and stamina to control pressurized hoses, extend ladders; operate "jaws of life" and perform other rescue operations in full uniform and with safety equipment in place;
* Wear personal protective equipment that weighs approximately (fifty) 50 pounds while performing these tasks;
* Perform physically demanding work while wearing positive pressure breathing equipment while working with different sizes of fire hoses that flow various pressures of water;
* Bend or stoop repeatedly or continually over time to perform emergency medical services, or perform duties on the fire ground;
* Perform duties requiring frequent pulling of 40 pounds or more, such as removing hose from apparatus, pulling ceilings, starting power equipment, and opening doors on the apparatus;
* Lift arms above shoulder level to cut vent holes with an axe or to force entry into automobiles using specialized tools;
* Move objects between twenty (20) and one hundred twenty (120) pounds for distances between twenty-five (25) to one hundred (100) feet.

**Work Environment:**

* Spend extensive time outside exposed to the elements;
* Tolerate extreme fluctuations in temperature while performing duties. Must perform physically demanding work in hot (up to 400 F), and humid (up to 100%) atmospheres while wearing equipment that significantly impairs body-cooling mechanisms;
* Experience frequent transitions from hot to cold and from humid to dry atmospheres;
* Work in wet, icy, or muddy areas;
* Perform a variety of tasks on slippery, hazardous surfaces such as on rooftops, steep inclines or ladders to name a few;
* Work in areas where sustaining traumatic or thermal injuries is possible;
* Face exposures to carcinogenic dusts such as asbestos, toxic substances such as hydrogen cyanide, carbon monoxide, or organic solvents either through inhalation or skin contact;
* Face exposure to infectious agents such as hepatitis or HIV to name a few;
* Exposed to grotesque sights and smells associated with major trauma and burn victims;
* Work in areas with possible falling objects; extreme heights; explosives; exposure to radioactive substance, electrical shocks, and infection;
* Operate in environments of high noise, poor visibility, limited mobility, and in enclosed or confined spaces.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

* Currently certified as a State of Georgia Firefighter through GFSTC.
* Possess a State of Georgia Class-(B) or (F) Driver License.
* Have at minimum GFSTC-Firefighter II certification.
* Completion of Structural Fire Control.
* Completion of Interior Search & Rescue.
* Completion of Pressurized Container Fire Control.
* Completion of NPQ-Hazardous Material Awareness & Operations.
* Completed NIMS certifications
* Have at a minimum the Georgia Emergency Medical First Responder certification.
* Have a current CPR/AED certification.
* Must complete a standard fire department physical agility test
* If hired, the applicant must work three (3) 24/hr shifts each month, with one on a weekend.

**To apply for this position:**

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