

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
JOB DESCRIPTION
Firefighter/EMT**

NATURE AND SCOPE OF POSITION

This position is responsible for the preservation and protection of life and property through quick and effective response to fire calls, rescues, and EMS calls. To provide a full range of emergency medical/rescue services to area residents.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Moderate to minimal supervision is received from a Fire Lieutenant/Captain or Fire Chief or Incident Commander.

SUPERVISION GIVEN

The firefighter/rescue worker shall normally not exercise any supervision over other members of the staff.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Perform the duties of a firefighter:

1. Respond to a wide range of emergency incidents; drive fire/EMS vehicles; lay and handle hoses; raise and scale ladders; apply fire retardants, perform rescue operations; and operate all equipment at the scene of a fire, operate all relevant medical equipment.
2. Maintain the fire station and equipment in a state of readiness, involving cleaning, snow shoveling, grounds maintenance, equipment maintenance, and the like.
3. Assist with department clerical tasks and be proficient with computers.
4. Attend drills and training sessions as required.
5. Perform various tasks related to educating the public regarding fire safety.

Perform the duties of an emergency medical technician/rescue worker:

1. Respond to a wide range of medical emergency calls; drive rescue vehicles; perform basic first aid and basic and advanced life support procedures such as oxygen therapy, CPR, movement of injured patients, etc.
2. Maintain minimum EMS requirement (EMT).

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Must demonstrate ability to read and write in the English language at a level that is sufficient to accurately complete required reports and forms. Firefighter I certification is required . Ability to physically perform all job duties, including passing of regular physical exams and fitness evaluations. Ability to remain calm and to think and act quickly under highly stressful, emergency and/or dangerous circumstances, requiring the exercise of sound judgment and common sense in applying technical knowledge and skills related to either firefighting or emergency medical treatment.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Must be 21 years of age. High School diploma or equivalent. EMT and CPR certifications. Vermont Firefighter level I certification or the ability to receive reciprocity with Vermont. Three years minimum previous firefighting/EMS experience desirable, or a combination of education and experience from which comparable knowledge and skills are acquired. AEMT/Paramedic certification desirable.

MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT USED

Standard office equipment, computers, a variety of moderate to heavy hand tools and equipment as well as power operated mechanical equipment. This individual will also be utilizing very heavy ladders, firefighting apparatus) pumpers, ladder trucks, rescue squads, water tankers, forest fire apparatus, and support equipment) as well as a wide variety of safety equipment.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT/PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

The incumbent will work in both an office/fire station setting, as well as dirty, unpleasant and dangerous conditions at a fire or emergency scene. Physical effort in non-emergency or non-training environments would normally consist of sitting, walking, running, and standing, but becomes extremely strenuous and demanding on the emergency scene. The incumbent in this position must possess the following: ability to safely operate in protective equipment and clothing/suits in extremely hazardous environments and atmospheres; full field vision with proper acuity, capable of identifying varied colors in the color spectrum in order to identify different symbols and color conditions at the scene of emergencies; capacity to operate with self-contained breathing apparatus on, or in confined spaces; ability to lift, carry or drag reasonable weight equal and in addition to, one's own body weight; ability to operate from ground ladders or aerial ladders; ability to speak clearly and spontaneously while operating in stressful and/or hazardous environments; ability to meet the health and physical capability standards commensurate with this position. Must be able to work outdoors in all-weather environments.

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