

**DEPARTMENT:** NORTH TONAWANDA FIRE DEPARTMENT  
**CLASSIFICATION:** COMPETITIVE  
**APPROVED:** DECEMBER 2, 2010

**FIREFIGHTER/FIRE DRIVER**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This dual function position involves the performance of both fire service and emergency medical service activities. An employee in this class performs manual work of a hazardous nature in the fighting of fires. Detailed instructions are received from a superior officer. Routine maintenance and custodial work at a fire station and on fire equipment and apparatus are also performed under general supervision and inspected upon completion. A Firefighter may be called upon to provide pre-hospital emergency care to the basic life support level. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

1. Responds to fire alarms and emergency calls during an assigned tour of duty;
2. Lays and connects hose lines at the scene of a fire;
3. Turns water supply on and off;
4. Handles fire hose in the fighting of a fire and directs the stream;
5. Operates a pressure pump;
6. Places and climbs ladders and enters burning buildings when necessary;
7. Makes openings in burning buildings for purposes of ventilation and entrance;
8. Removes persons and contents from burning buildings;
9. Provides emergency medical care when necessary;
10. Engages in salvage operations at scene of fire, such as covering furniture with tarpaulins and cleaning up debris;
11. Studies and practices new and improved methods of fire control and prevention;
12. Drives and operates motor driven fire fighting equipment;
13. Cleans fire fighting equipment and maintains it in good operating condition;
14. Performs a variety of housekeeping tasks in connection with the maintenance and repair of station houses and grounds.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Working knowledge of modern firefighting principles, practices and equipment; working knowledge of elementary first aid techniques; ability to get along well with others; mechanical aptitude; mental alertness; willingness to perform assigned task; conscientiousness and dependability; physical strength and agility; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Graduation from a standard high school or possession of an equivalency diploma.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR EXAMINATION:**

1. Age – candidates may not be less than eighteen (18) years of age. Candidates who lack six (6) months or less of the minimum age requirement shall be deemed eligible for the examination if otherwise qualified. Eligibility for appointment from the eligible list begins when a candidate reaches his/her eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) birthday.
2. Possession of a valid New York State Motor Vehicle License.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT:**

1. Candidates must possess a current New York State Emergency Medical Technician/Defibrillation certificate.
2. Candidates must be eligible for a certificate of training issued by the NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control and must possess the required certificate within the seventy-eight (78) week probationary period.

**THESE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS WILL REMAIN CONTINGENT UPON THE NEW YORK STATE LAWS PERTAINING TO FIRE FIGHTER.**