

# FIREFIGHTER/OPERATOR

(Competitive Class)

## **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF CLASS**

The class of Firefighter/Operator comprises entrance level positions in the classified fire fighting division of fire department operations. Employees of this class receive training for and after training perform tasks such as controlling and extinguishing fires, performing rescue work, and driving, operating and maintaining fire department vehicles. Employees of this class report to and are supervised by a Fire Captain.

## **EXAMPLES OF WORK**

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Participates in assigned training drills either as an individual or as a member of a group, or if qualified, as an instructor.

Trains for and performs firefighting and rescue tasks such as connecting, carrying, and operating hose lines, ventilating buildings, and using ladders, lines, and other equipment to aid in fighting fires or removing fire and accident victims to safety.

When qualified, administers first aid to victims of fire and accident either on the scene of an emergency or en route to the hospital.

Cleans, dries, inspects, and properly secures any assigned fire fighting equipment such as hoses, hand tools, portable breathing apparatus, ladders, or related equipment. Cleans fire vehicles.

Performs tasks necessary for the proper maintenance of station and grounds such as cleaning floors and windows, emptying trash cans, mowing grass, or related duties. Including giving station tours to the public.

Performs fire prevention or fire inspection tasks such as inspecting fire hydrants, sprinkler systems, or portable fire extinguishers, studying the district to become familiar with the location of fire plugs or water lines, interpreting or enforcing fire laws, ordinances, and regulations, and related duties.

When qualified, drives fire equipment to and from fire; operates fire equipment at fire scene.

Performs related fire department duties as assigned.

## **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements must be met before admission to examination.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States.

Must be not less than 18 years of age.

After offer of employment, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a medical examination prepared and administered by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.

Applicant must possess one of the following: high school diploma, high school equivalency certificate, high school transcript, affidavit from the issuing high school, associate's or bachelor's degree, or college transcript, any one of which must indicate that graduation has occurred or a degree awarded. Any Louisiana applicant who presents a home study diploma shall submit necessary documentation indicating Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approval of the home study curriculum. Non-Louisiana applicants shall be required to present proof of completion of a high school curriculum which has been accredited by the applicant's state, or its state-approved agency. A certification of completion shall not be sufficient to substitute for a diploma or equivalency certificate.

Must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued within the United States.

Within working test period, probational Firefighter/Operators:

- Must obtain Emergency Medical Responder (NEMR) level or greater and pass the National Registry. The employee must maintain Emergency Medical Responder or greater for state and national while working in this class.
- Must be certified as a Firefighter I and Firefighter II from the Louisiana Firefighter certification program or another agency accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (NBFSPQ) or the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).
- Must be certified as Hazardous Materials Awareness and Hazardous Materials Operations from the Louisiana Firefighter certification program or another agency accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (NBFSPQ) or the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).
- Must be certified as a Driver/Operator Pumper and Driver/Operator Aerial from the Louisiana Firefighter certification program or another agency accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (NBFSPQ) or the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

- Must have a class certificate for Vehicle Rescue.
- Must have successfully completed National Incident Management System (NIMS) 100, 200, 700 and 800.

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