

Jurisdiction: City of Ithaca

Jurisdictional Class: Competitive

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FIRE LIEUTENANT

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a first-line supervisory position responsible for directing the activities of an assigned group of Firefighters at emergency incidents, including fire suppression, emergency medical response, hazardous materials incident response, and technical rescue incident response. Fire Lieutenants also provide direct supervision to Firefighters engaged in daily activities while on duty at assigned fire stations. The work is generally performed under the direct supervision of a superior officer in accordance with established policies and practices; however, a Fire Lieutenant has complete charge of operations at an emergency incident in the absence of, or pending the arrival of, a superior officer. Supervision is exercised over direct service firefighting and emergency medical personnel and volunteer firefighting personnel. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Responds to emergencies and, in the absence of or pending the arrival of a superior officer, assumes command at the scene;

Supervises and participates in emergency response activities at emergency incidents;

Assists superior officer in determining and directing the proper deployment of personnel and equipment at emergency incidents and arranging for additional personnel and equipment if necessary;

Institutes or participates in the Incident Command System at all incidents;

Supervises daily activities of shift personnel;

Instructs subordinates in firefighting, fire prevention, emergency medical, hazardous material incident, technical rescue incident and emergency management methods, techniques, practices and policies, and the use of related equipment;

Coordinates, schedules and/or implements training activities for shift personnel;

Enforces departmental rules, regulations and general orders;

Assures best firefighter safety and health practices;

Supervises and participates in the maintenance and repair of equipment, tools, buildings and property;

Inspects property at fire scenes to prevent reignition;

Prepares a variety of reports relating to shift activities;

May evaluate performance of shift personnel and counsel subordinates as needed;

May inspect buildings and places of public assembly for compliance with applicable fire codes and regulations;

May perform public education activities, including public speaking;

May be assigned responsibility for supervising specialized units or activities of the Ithaca Fire Department.

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

Good knowledge of modern firefighting, fire prevention, emergency medical service, hazardous materials incident response, technical rescue incident response and emergency management principles, practices, methods and equipment; good knowledge of the geography, building conditions and major fire hazards of the City; good knowledge of safety precautions used in firefighting, emergency medical service, hazardous materials incident response and technical rescue incident response; good knowledge of state and local building codes and fire prevention laws and ordinances; good knowledge of the rules and regulations of the Department; good knowledge of the use and maintenance of firefighting, rescue and emergency medical equipment; ability to recognize fire hazards; ability to plan and supervise the work of others; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships; ability to communicate effectively with others, both orally and in writing; ability to successfully work with and serve a diverse local community; resourcefulness and sound judgment in emergencies; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Five (5) years of paid, professional firefighting experience in a municipal fire department.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Possession of a New York State Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification issued by the New York State Department of Health at the time of appointment and maintenance of said certification for the duration of employment.
2. Possession of a valid New York State Class D driver license or a valid driver license equivalent to a New York State Class D driver license at the time of appointment and maintenance of said license for the duration of employment.