
TINLEY PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIREFIGHTER JOB DESCRIPTION

1. Firefighter must attain Firefighter II Certification within eighteen months.
2. Candidate must demonstrate ability to perform Firefighter functions as required by the entrance agility tests as given by the Tinley Park Volunteer Fire Department.
3. Will be required to attend minimum of twenty percent (20%) of fire calls and after the Third District fire Academy is completed will also be required to attend forty percent (40%) of drills per twelve (12) month period.
4. Will be required to attend Third District fire Academy classes during Rookie period, which consist of approximately 450 hours. these classes are scheduled on two (2) nights per week and some Saturdays.
5. Required to have high school diploma or equivalent
6. Required to abide by Rules and Regulations and Standard Operating Procedures (“S.O.P.s”) of the Tinley Park Volunteer Fire Department and any direct orders given by superior officer.
7. Will be required to fulfill weekend stand-by duty, which consists of approximately one (1) weekend per month.
8. The essential functions of the position are performed in and affected by the following environmental factors:
 - a. Operate both as a part of a team and independently at incidents of uncertain duration
 - b. Spend extensive time outside exposed to the elements
 - c. Tolerate extreme fluctuations in temperature while performing duties. Must perform physically demanding work in hot (up to

400° F), humid (up to 100%) environments while wearing equipment which significantly impairs body cooling mechanisms.

- d. Experience frequent transitions from hot to cold and from humid to dry elements.
- e. Able to work in wet, icy areas.
- f. Performs a variety of tasks on slippery, hazardous surfaces such as roof tops or from ladders.
- g. Work in areas where sustaining traumatic or thermal injury is possible.
- h. Face possible exposure to carcinogenic dusts such as asbestos; toxic substances such as hydrogen cyanide; acids, carbon monoxide or organic solvents either through inhalation or skin contact.
- i. Wear personal protective equipment that weighs approximately fifty (50) pounds while performing these tasks.
- j. Perform physically demanding work while wearing positive pressure breathing equipment with 1.5 inches of water column resistance to exhalation at a flow of 40 liters per minute.
- k. Perform complex tasks during life-threatening emergencies.
- l. Work for long periods of time requiring sustained physical activity and intense concentration.
- m. Face life-or-death decisions during emergency.
- n. Make rapid transitions from rest to near maximal exertion without warm-up periods.
- o. Operate in environments of high noise, poor visibility, limited mobility, at heights and in enclosed or confined spaces.
- p. Use manual and power tools in the performance of duties.

- q. Rely on senses of sight, hearing, smell and touch to help determine the nature of the emergency, maintain personal safety, make critical decisions in a confused, chaotic and potentially life threatening environment, throughout the duration of the operation.
- r. Raise, climb and work from ground and aerial ladders without work inhibiting fear of heights.
- s. Rescue by carrying or dragging an adult from a burning structure or other dangerous situation.
- t. Operate hand and power tools, in both emergency and non-emergency situations.
- u. Drag hoses up to five inches in diameter, both charged and uncharged, limited distances, both horizontally and vertically.
- v. Connect hose couplings.
- w. Understand and carry out oral and written orders and assignments, in both emergency and non-emergency situations
- x. Assimilate, retain, and effectively use geographic knowledge concerning the Village and surrounding vicinity.
- y. Face exposure to grotesque sights and smells associated with illness, major trauma and burn victims.
- z. Face possible exposure to infectious agents such as hepatitis B or HIV.
- aa. Lift and carry a stretcher up or down flights of stairs with a minimum of one person to assist.