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Gaines Township
Job Description

Fire Department

FIRE FIGHTER TRAINEE

General Statement of Duties

Entry level training position for Firefighting, EMS, and the operation and routine maintenance of equipment and apparatus. Supervised by and reports to Departmental Officers, and receives work related instruction from Firefighters.

Statement of Tasks

Responds to fire alarms and other routine and emergency calls.

Drives and operates Fire Department vehicles, equipment, and apparatus.

Selects hose nozzle and directs stream of water or chemicals onto fire.

Positions and climbs ladders to upper levels of buildings.

Utilizes portable two-way radios to communicate with other fire personnel.

Protects property from water and smoke damage by utilizing waterproof salvage covers.

Performs assigned maintenance and custodial duties on equipment, building, and grounds.

Participates in drills, demonstrations, and courses in hydraulics, pump operations, and maintenance, and fire fighting and fire prevention techniques, including required in-house training activities.

Completes required records and reports.

Utilizes axes, crowbars, halogen vars, pike poles, gasoline powered saws, and other types of power and hand tools.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Ability to operate various types of power and hand tools.

Ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions.

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers and the general public.

Ability to periodically perform various rigorous tasks involved in fire fighting, fire prevention, and rescue activity.

Ability to handle toxic chemicals including dry chemical compounds, foams, and carbon monoxides.

Ability to operate Fire Department vehicles, communications equipment, and other implements and equipment utilized in the line of duty.

Ability to work effectively in stressful emergency situations, maintain discipline according to established command structure, and follow established Departmental policies and procedures.

Ability to analyze situations quickly and objectively and to determine the proper cause of action.

Minimum Requirements

Graduation from an accredited high school or possession of GED Certificate and eighteen [18] years of age.

Special Requirements

Must be a resident of Gaines Township or live within one-half [1/2] mile from Gaines Township boundary line. Must be willing to work irregular hours, including evenings, holidays, and weekends, as required. Must be willing to complete state mandated fire fighting classes within prescribed time periods and attend Township training sessions. Must maintain a good proficiency rating. Must possess and maintain a valid Michigan Driver's License and must maintain a satisfactory driving record and must provide proof of automobile insurance. Must maintain suitable hair length and be clean shaven [no side burns nor beards] in order to properly utilize SCBA. Must be able to lift and carry thirty-five [35] pounds and drag one hundred [100] pounds. Must be able to climb and work off of ladders and stairs. Must be able to work in confined spaces and outdoors under varying extreme climate conditions. Must be able to stoop, crouch, kneel, and crawl, and utilize arms and hands for balancing, handling, feeling, and fingering objects and materials. Must possess basic hearing function and basic visual function of depth perception, color vision, acuity far and near, field of vision, and accommodation.

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Paul J. Fortino
Township Supervisor

Date Revised

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