



**Fairfax Fire Department**  
15 Goodall Street  
Fairfax, Vermont 05454

## **FIREFIGHTER – Job Description**

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The firefighter is to perform fire suppression and rescue operations; to efficiently and effectively protect the lives and property of those in need of assistance; to provide medical assistance as necessary, and to perform related work as required.

### **ESSENTIAL TASKS**

- Responds to emergency situations within the Fire Department's response area, to perform fire suppression, hazardous materials incident response and rescue duties.
- Uses power and hand tools to ventilate burning buildings and perform forcible entry. Provides crowd and traffic control at emergency scenes; assists with salvage, overhaul, and evacuation as necessary.
- Cleans and maintains fire apparatus, equipment, stations and grounds; tests fire hoses and ladders; maintains emergency response equipment in a constant state of readiness. Conducts fire drills. Test fire hydrants as needed to assist water department. Prepares pre-fire plans for buildings; participates in fire prevention and fire safety education activities.
- Attends training and meetings to remain knowledgeable of modern fire suppression and prevention methods; maintains required certifications.
- Firefighter must be able to communicate using radio equipment.
- Requires operating or repairing complex machinery or equipment that requires extended training and experience, such as fire engines, fire suppression equipment, rescue equipment, medical equipment, etc.; may involve installation and testing.
- Job requires decision making under stress and following and implementing orders under stress.
- Ability to follow chain of command and carry out instructions.

### **SPECIAL CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES:**

Must be 18 years of age and possess a valid state driver's license to operate Town of Fairfax apparatus; Must be able to obtain Firefighter I certification for members beginning January 2002 and maintain recertification requirements annually. Must be able to obtain and maintain CPR and First Aid certifications and NIMS 100, 200 and 700 certifications.

### **PHYSICAL AND DEXTERITY REQUIREMENTS:**

Job requires heavy work that involves walking, standing, climbing, balancing, stooping, crouching, crawling, kneeling, reaching, and lifting, pushing or raising objects, exerting between 50 and 75 pounds of force on a recurring basis and over 100 pounds of force on a frequent basis. Firefighter must succumb to a respiratory medical exam and fit test to be capable of wearing respirator per OSHA regulations and other personal protective equipment as deemed necessary.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS:**

The job risks exposure to fire hazards, extreme heat and/or cold, wet or humid conditions, extreme noise levels, vibration, fumes and/or noxious odors, airborne particles, traffic, moving machinery, electrical shock, heights, confined spaces, disease/pathogens, toxic/caustic chemicals, explosives.