

**DEPARTMENT:** NORTH TONAWANDA FIRE DEPARTMENT  
**CLASSIFICATION:** COMPETITIVE  
**APPROVED:** NOVEMBER 26, 2024

**FIREFIGHTER/FIRE DRIVER**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This dual function position involves the performance of both fire service and emergency medical service activities. An employee in this class performs manual work of a hazardous nature in the fighting of fires. Detailed instructions are received from a superior officer. Routine maintenance and custodial work at a fire station and on fire equipment and apparatus are also performed under general supervision and inspected upon completion. A Firefighter may be called upon to provide pre-hospital emergency care to the basic life support level. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

1. Responds to fire alarms and emergency calls during an assigned tour of duty;
2. Lays and connects hose lines at the scene of a fire;
3. Turns water supply on and off;
4. Handles fire hose in the fighting of a fire and directs the stream;
5. Operates a pressure pump;
6. Places and climbs ladders and enters burning buildings when necessary;
7. Makes openings in burning buildings for purposes of ventilation and entrance;
8. Removes persons and contents from burning buildings;
9. Provides emergency medical care when necessary;
10. Engages in salvage operations at scene of fire, such as covering furniture with tarpaulins and cleaning up debris;
11. Studies and practices new and improved methods of fire control and prevention;
12. Drives and operates motor driven fire fighting equipment;
13. Cleans fire fighting equipment and maintains it in good operating condition;
14. Performs a variety of housekeeping tasks in connection with the maintenance and repair of station houses and grounds.

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

Working knowledge of modern firefighting principles, practices and equipment; working knowledge of elementary first aid techniques; ability to get along well with others; mechanical aptitude; mental alertness; willingness to perform assigned task; conscientiousness and dependability; physical strength and agility; ability and willingness to climb ladders up to 100 feet; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma.

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### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF EXAM APPLICATIONS:**

Age – candidates may not be less than eighteen (18) years of age. Candidates who lack six (6) months or less of the minimum age requirement shall be deemed eligible for the examination if otherwise qualified. Eligibility for appointment from the eligible list begins when a candidate reaches his/her eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) birthday.

### **FIREFIGHTER/FIRE DRIVER EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS POLICY:**

The City of North Tonawanda and Niagara County Civil Service require all Firefighter/Fire Driver candidates to pass a written civil service exam and a physical agility test.

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT:**

1. Possession of a valid New York State Motor Vehicle License at time of appointment and for the duration of employment;
2. **PHYSICAL FITNESS AND MEDICAL:** To be considered for appointment, candidates must meet the physical fitness and medical requirements established by the Niagara County Personnel Officer. Candidates who fail the medical and/or physical fitness requirements will be restricted from certification on the certified eligible list for a minimum of six (6) months. Candidates who fail the retest will be restricted from certification for the duration of the eligible list;
3. **DRUG-SCREENING TEST:** Prior to appointment, candidates will be required to participate in a drug-screening test. Candidates who fail the drug-screening test will be restricted from certification on the certified eligible list;
4. Candidates must be eligible for a certificate of training issued by the NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control and must possess the required certificate within the seventy-eight (78) week probationary period.
5. Employees must obtain a New York State Emergency Medical Technician certificate within forty-five (45) days of the completion of an approved Firefighter Recruit Class.

**These special requirements will remain contingent upon the New York State laws pertaining to Firefighter.**