

FIRE CADET

Duties and Responsibilities

This class of positions encompasses a program under which Fire Cadets receive training and perform non-firefighting tasks; all personnel perform related work.

Cadets may be required to work flexible hours/tours during the school year, school vacation periods, and the summer.

Under direct supervision, receives training and performs non-firefighting routine tasks in fire prevention techniques, and first response techniques for fire and medical emergencies and related areas. Assists in fire safety education, recruitment, firehouse committee work, hydrant inspections, distribution and use of sprinkler caps and other tasks as directed by supervisors.

Examples of Typical Tasks

Assists in promoting community awareness by providing information regarding fire safety education, fire prevention, community outreach, and related activities.

Assists the Fire Department members in the implementation of fire safety concept and participates in programs designed to identify potential fire hazards in the community.

Makes fire safety education presentations to community groups.

Visits local high schools to motivate and provide some guidance to students who hope to pursue a career as a Firefighter.

Prepares reports on field experience and difficulties encountered during assigned duties to be evaluated by a superior.

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Examples of Typical Tasks (continued)

Assists the community in identifying potential fire hazards.

Meets with community groups to develop public initiatives and awareness programs aimed at fire prevention.

Distributes fire safety and fire prevention material, including smoke detectors.

Is trained in written and physical test taking techniques; participates in physical conditioning training; participates in emergency medical technician training.

Performs routine administrative tasks.

Qualification Requirements

Candidates must have graduated from a New York City high school or attended and did not graduate from a New York City high school but obtained a high school equivalency diploma (HSE).

All candidates must be residents of the City of New York within 90 days of appointment and they must maintain their residency throughout the duration of the program.

Only United States citizens or permanent United States residents are eligible to become Fire Cadets. However, permanent United States residents must become United States citizens before appointment as Firefighter.

All Candidates must be between the ages of 20 – 27 to ensure that they can be promoted to the title of Firefighter at the completion of the Cadet Program.

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Candidates must be of good character. The following are among the factors which may be cause for disqualification: (a) conviction of an offense, the nature of which indicates

Qualification Requirements (continued)

lack of good moral character, or disposition toward violence or disorder, or which is punishable by one or more years of imprisonment; (b) two or more convictions of an offense, where such convictions indicate a disrespect for the law; (c) discharge from employment, where such discharge indicates poor behavior or inability to adjust to discipline; (d) dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces.

Candidates must be physically fit and able to meet the medical, psychological and character requirements of the position of firefighter.

Lines of Promotion

Fire Cadets will be eligible to take a promotion examination to Firefighter (70310). To be promoted from the Firefighter promotion list, a Fire Cadet must: (a) have satisfactorily completed at least two years as a Fire Cadet; (b) meet the Firefighter age, medical, physical, psychological and character requirements; (c) possess a valid New York State Driver License; and (d) possess a Certified First Responder Certification with Defibrillation or a higher certification.

Note: Maximum tenure as a Fire Cadet is two years.