

TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Title: Firefighter

Minimum Required Qualifications: As stated in the Town of Narragansett Code of Ordinances (Chapter 26, Division 3, Sec. 26-76 (as maybe amended))

The Narragansett Fire Department considers the essential functions of a firefighter to consist of those performance objectives stated in NFPA Standard 1001, Standard on Firefighters Professional Qualifications, which meets with compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act.

In addition, we consider the following to also be essential functions of our firefighters:

1. Ability to drive large vehicles and apparatus.
2. Ability to operate fire pumps, aerial apparatus, foam generating devices and portable pumps.
3. Ability to make hydraulic calculations necessary for the efficient and safe operation of fire pumps.
4. Ability to read and utilize reference materials and other instructional information necessary for safe operations at hazardous materials incidents.
5. Ability to prepare routine forms utilized by the Narragansett Fire Department.

In light of these essential functions, as affected by the following environmental factors under which firefighters in the Town of Narragansett operate, the Fire Department adopts the medical standards of NFPA 1582.

1. Operate both as a member of a team and independently at incidents of uncertain duration.
2. Spend extensive time outside exposed to the elements.
3. Tolerate extreme fluctuations in temperature while performing duties. Must perform physically demanding work in hot (up to 400 degrees F), humid (up to 100%) atmospheres while wearing equipment that significantly impairs body-cooling mechanisms.
4. Experience frequent transition from hot to cold and from humid to dry atmospheres.
5. Work in wet, icy, or muddy areas.
6. Perform a variety of tasks on slippery, hazardous surfaces such as on rooftops or from ladders.
7. Work in areas where sustaining traumatic or thermal injuries is possible.
8. Face exposure to carcinogenic dusts such as asbestos, toxic substances such as hydrogen cyanide, acids, carbon monoxide, or organic solvents whether through inhalation or skin contact.
9. Face exposure to infectious agents such hepatitis B or HIV.
10. Wear personal protective equipment that weighs approximately 50 pounds while performing these tasks.

11. 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.
12. Perform complex tasks during life-threatening emergencies.
13. Work for long periods of time, requiring sustained physical activity and intense concentration.
14. Face life or death decisions during emergency conditions.
15. Exposed to grotesque sights and smells associated with major trauma and burn victims.
16. Make rapid transitions from rest to near maximal exertion without warm-up periods.
17. Operate in environments of high noise, poor visibility, limited mobility, at heights, and in enclosed or confined spaces
18. Use manual and power tools in the performance of duties.
19. Rely on senses of sight, hearing, smell, and touch to help determine the nature of the emergency, maintain personal safety, and make critical decisions in a confused, chaotic, and potentially life threatening environment throughout the duration of the operation.

Narragansett Firefighters undertake many tasks to suppress fire and provide emergency rescue and medical services including, but not limited to:

1. Response on an as-needed basis to fire, emergency, medical and other emergency service calls.
2. Control and extinguish fires by selection of appropriate extinguishing agents, diameter hoses and nozzles, by advancing these appliances to seat of the fire and directing extinguishing agents thereto.
3. While wearing a personal protective ensemble (PPE), perform aggressive search and rescue operations in heated and smoke-filled environments, usually with minimal or no visibility.
4. Require climbing and use of ladders.
5. Ventilate and create access to and egress from, burning buildings by using hand tools and power equipment.
6. Reduce fire loss through removal or extinguishment of all burning materials.
7. Provide emergency medical care including, but not limited to, all aspects of pre-hospital basic life support.
8. Communicate with the established command structure via a two-way radio, voice, hand signals or other cues, and prepares a report of such activity.
9. Obtain necessary information to manage efficiently an emergency situation by way of interview and training, or other cues, and prepares a report of such activity.
10. Share with other firefighters the responsibility for the routine maintenance of fire station facilities.
11. Operate and perform daily checks of fire department vehicles and equipment.

12. Maintain through continued training, all physical and mental skills to perform without injury all phases of the job through continuous training and demonstrate competency via required state certifications.

As well as such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the supervisor and which are not inconsistent with this position.

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