



VAN BUREN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Job Vacancy

Position Title: Fire Fighter

Department: Public Safety-Fire

Classification: Paid on Call

FLSA Status: Non-exempt

Union Affiliation: MAFF

Opening Date: March 12, 2020

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Hourly Wage: FF EMT in school \$13.00
FF (probation) \$15.32

Position Summary

Under the Supervision of the Deputy Director of Public Safety or his/her designee, this employee protects life and property by supervising and performing firefighting emergency aid, hazardous materials, and fire prevention duties. Maintains fire equipment, apparatus and facilities.

Essential Job Functions, Duties and Responsibilities

An employee in this position may be called upon to perform any and all of the following essential job functions, duties and responsibilities. The duties listed are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

The job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.

- Performs firefighting activities including driving fire apparatus, operating pumps and related equipment, laying hose, and performing fire combat, containment and extinguishment tasks.
- Performs emergency aid activities including administering first aid and providing other assistance as required.
- Participates in fire training, attends classes in firefighting, emergency medical, hazardous materials, and related subjects.
- Operates radio and other communication equipment.
- Maintains fire equipment, apparatus and facilities. Performs minor repairs to departmental equipment.
- Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of fire facilities and equipment; cleans and washes walls and floors; cares for grounds around station; makes minor repairs; washes, hangs and dries hose; washes, cleans, polishes, maintains and tests apparatus and equipment. Assists in developing plans for special assignments such as emergency preparedness, hazardous communications, training programs, firefighting, hazardous materials, and emergency aid activities.
- Presents programs to the community on safety, medical, and fire prevention topics.
- Performs salvage operations such as throwing salvage covers, sweeping water, and removing debris.

Required Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Minimum Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED equivalent;
- No specific work related experience required;
- Must be 18 years of age or older at time of employment;
- Must possess, or be able to obtain by time of hire, a valid State driver's license without record of suspension or revocation;
- No felony convictions or disqualifying criminal history within the past seven years;
- Must be able to read and write the English language;
- Firefighter I & II Preferred
- Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) Preferred
- Ability to learn the operation of fire suppression and other emergency equipment;
- Ability to learn to apply standard firefighting, emergency aid, hazardous materials, and fire prevention techniques; Ability to perform strenuous or peak physical effort during emergency, training or station maintenance activities for prolonged periods of time under conditions of extreme heights, intense heat, cold or smoke;
- Ability to act effectively in emergency and stressful situations;
- Ability to follow verbal and written instructions;
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing; Ability to establish effective working relationships with employees, other agencies, and the general public.
- Knowledge of fire suppression and prevention principles, procedures, techniques and equipment; Knowledge of Emergency Medical Services procedures, techniques, principals and equipment.
- Skill in the operation of the listed tools and equipment.
- Ability to apply standard firefighting and EMS techniques to specific situations;
- Ability to follow verbal and written instructions;
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing;
- Ability to establish effective working relationships with employees, other agencies and the general public;
- Ability to perform strenuous or peak physical efforts during emergency or training activities for prolonged periods of time under conditions of extreme heights, intense heat, cold or smoke;

Tools and Equipment Used

Emergency medical aid unit, fire apparatus, fire pumps, hoses, and other standard firefighting equipment, ladders, first aid equipment, radio, pager, personal computer, phone.

Physical Abilities and Work Environment

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to stand; walk; use hands and fingers, handle, or operate objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to sit; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; talk or hear; and taste or smell.

The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 10 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works in outside weather conditions. The employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts and in high, precarious places and is occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, risk of electrical shock, and vibration.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate, except during certain firefighting or EMS activities when noise levels may be loud.

Please submit a cover letter, resume and application to:

nsumpter@vanburen-mi.org.

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