
Employment

Present employer: _____ How Long: _____

Job Title/Occupation: _____

Will your employer allow you to leave work to respond to emergency calls? Yes No

Fire Service experience or related training: _____

Are you physically and mentally capable of performing the duties of a firefighter as described in the job description and listed as part of this application? Yes No

Are you willing to take a physical examination and/or agility test (as required) or if requested by the department? Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No

If Yes, please explain:

(Disclosure - Employee subject to a Criminal background Screening)

I realize that the Forest City Fire Department is a working organization, not a social club. As a member I will be required to give freely of my time to attend emergency calls, fires, meetings, training, other departmental functions and to serve on committees. By signing this application below, I indicate that I have read the job description and other information given to me with this application and that the above statements are true. I understand that if any of the above statements are untrue, this application may be rejected and may cause any appointment to a position to be rescinded.

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

City of Forest City
Job Description: FIREFIGHTER

SUMMARY: A firefighter controls and extinguishes fires, protects life and property, and maintains equipment as a volunteer of the city or township by performing the following duties.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The following is a list of common firefighter duties; others may be assigned as needed.

- Responds to fire alarms and other emergency calls. A firefighter is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Select the proper hose and nozzle, depending on the type of fire, and direct a stream of water or chemicals onto the fire.
- Positions and climbs ladders to access upper levels of buildings or to assist individuals from burning structures.
- Creates openings in structures for ventilation or entrance.
- Protects property from water and smoke using salvage covers and mechanical ventilation equipment.
- Administers first aid and basic life support to injured persons or those overcome by fire or smoke.
- Communicates to officers and other personnel by use of two-way radios.
- Maintains fire department apparatus, quarters, buildings, and equipment.
- Participates in demonstrations and training on firefighting skills and techniques.
- Drives and operates fire-fighting vehicles and equipment.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: To perform this job successfully and efficiently, a firefighter must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The following requirements are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions.

- **EDUCATION:**
 - The applicant must have a high school diploma or general education degree (GED).
- **LANGUAGE SKILLS:**
 - The ability to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operation and maintenance manuals, and procedure manual. The ability to speak effectively to other members of the department and the public.
- **REASONING ABILITY:**
 - The ability to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of concrete variables in situations where only limited standardization exists. The ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, and diagram or schedule form.

- CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, and REGISTRATIONS:
 - Must hold a valid Iowa Drivers license.
 - Must be a certified Basic Life Support provider within 12 months of joining the department.
 - Must be certified to the Firefighter I level within 24 months of joining the department.
- OTHER SKILLS and ABILITIES:
 - Must be able to attend at least 50% of all meetings, training sessions, and emergency calls.
 - Must have the ability to travel to various locations and perform firefighter tasks.
 - Must be fit and agile enough to perform all the firefighting duties.
 - Must be able to work in stress-filled situations, often in the public eye.
- PHYSICAL DEMANDS: The physical demands described below are representative of those that must be met by a firefighter to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions.
 - While performing the duties of a firefighter, the individual is regularly required to stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls; reach with hands and arms; talk or hear; and taste or smell. The firefighter is frequently required to sit; climb or balance; and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl.
 - The firefighter must regularly lift and/or move up to 25 pounds, frequently lift and/or move up to 50 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close, distance, color, night and peripheral vision; depth perception; and the ability to adjust focus.
- WORK ENVIRONMENT: The work environment characteristics described below are representative of those a firefighter will encounter while performing the duties of the job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.
 - While performing the duties of a firefighter, an individual regularly works near moving mechanical parts and in outside weather conditions and is regularly exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, and extreme heat or cold. A firefighter frequently works in high, precarious places and is frequently exposed to fumes or airborne particles and toxic or caustic chemicals. A firefighter may occasionally work with explosives and is occasionally exposed to risk of electrical shock, risk of radiation, and vibration.
 - The noise level in the work environment is usually loud.