

TOWN OF SOMERS

Title: Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician

Department: Public Safety – Fire

Reports to: Fire Chief

Position Summary: Performs firefighting, emergency medical services, and equipment operation in responding to fire calls, accidents, or community disasters; performs skilled repair and preventive maintenance work in maintaining fire apparatus, equipment, alarm system and buildings; and completes assigned administrative tasks. Provides accurate, timely and high-quality service to all internal and external customers. Performs additional duties as deemed necessary by the Fire Chief. Must be able to work well in a combination volunteer/career department.

Major Job Duties:

Fire Service: Responds to fires, accidents, medical calls or community disasters. Drives fire and emergency medical vehicles and operates auxiliary equipment. Assumes fire ground command in absence of Fire Chief or superior officer. Controls and extinguishes fires, protects life and property. Selects hose nozzle, depending on type of fire, and directs water or chemicals onto fire. Positions and climbs ladders to gain access or to assist occupants in vacating a building. Operates power equipment or uses hand tools, including axes, chisels, crowbars, power saws, etc., to open building for entrance or ventilation. Takes precautions to protect persons and property. Responds to vehicle accidents or other emergencies. Operates power tools to remove victims from vehicles. Extinguishes vehicle fires. Coordinates activities with the fire investigators at incident scenes as needed.

Emergency Medical Service: Administers emergency medical services. Treats and/or stabilizes ill or injured patients. Transports patients to treatment facilities. Communicates condition of patient by radio to health care personnel. Appropriately transfers patient care.

Equipment/Building Maintenance: Routinely tests fire and emergency equipment. Performs skilled repair and preventive maintenance work in maintaining vehicles and equipment. Prepares recommendations for new equipment purchases, including equipment specifications and cost estimates. Evaluates need for major mechanical work, and recommends referral to private garages as necessary. Performs minor carpentry, plumbing and electrical repairs to department buildings and facilities.

Administrative: Maintains activity logs. Provides statistical and narrative reports to the Fire Chief. Maintains inventory of supplies and materials. When requested by the Fire Chief, prepares purchase orders for replacement parts, materials and supplies as needed. Performs periodic site visits of target hazards in our community and assists with the development of pre-incident plans. Assists with the development and delivery of training programs for the entire department.

Fire Prevention Education: Participates in informational fire and injury prevention programs for schools, community groups, and members of the community.

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Qualifications:

- State of Connecticut or Pro-Board certification as a Fire Fighter II
- Completed Hazardous Materials Operational
- State of Connecticut Certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
 - Must have possessed their EMT certification for a minimum of 3 years
 - Somers will consider valid out of state NREMT certifications with the condition that the applicant obtain a CT EMT Certification number by the time of appointment.
- Must be a US citizen or otherwise authorized to work in the US, and able to pass a criminal background check
- High School Diploma or GED
- Ability to operate and maintain fire vehicles and auxiliary equipment.
- Ability to apply common sense understanding to carry out instructions furnished in written, oral or diagrammatic form.
- Ability to prepare narrative and statistical reports of some complexity.
- Valid CDL or Connecticut Class II with Q endorsement
- CPAT (Candidate Physical Ability Test) certificate dated no earlier than July 1, 2016 at time of appointment. Somers will accept accredited out of state CPAT certifications.

Additional consideration may be given to applicants who are veterans of the US Military or are presently members of the Somers Fire Department.

The Town of Somers would also prefer (but not require) applicants to have some of the following certifications:

- Paramedic
- Fire Service Instructor
- Fire Officer
- EMS Instructor
- Certified Pump Operator
- Rescue Tech Core
- Hazardous Materials Technician
- CT Fire Marshal pre-certification

Physical Requirements:

This position combines field, maintenance and firehouse activities, with more than 50% of the job performed in the form of fire and ambulance calls. The incumbent must be able to:

- Pass physical fitness examination including satisfactory heart, pulmonary, hypertension and spirometry examination, as well as other fitness and agility requirements in accordance with NFPA 1582.
- Regularly wear and carry firefighter protective equipment in excess of 50 lbs. on his/her back.
- Climb ladders in the delivery of firefighting services.

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- Tolerate occasional exposure to hazardous situations including heat, smoke and flames while wearing firefighter protective clothing and equipment for periods in excess of one hour.
- Tolerate exposure to recently extinguished fire scenes where there may be smoke and smoldering building remains.
- Stand, lift, bend and walk to perform firefighting, emergency medical services, and equipment/building maintenance.
- Intermittently sit and work using a computer and telephone, or listen to information for periods in excess of one hour
- Lift 50-100 pounds independently, and in excess of 100 pounds with assistance from another firefighter/EMT.
- Drive a fire truck or an ambulance during the conduct of duties.

This information is designed to give the general nature and level of work to be performed by employees assigned to this job title and must not be construed to be a complete inventory of the position's duties, responsibilities and qualifications.

To Apply:

Applications are available on the Town Website at the Somers Town Hall or the Somers Fire Station.

Applicants will need to take and pass a written exam, psychological profile, oral review panel, medical exam, drug screen, and background investigation.