

# TOWN OF SHARON

## JOB DESCRIPTION

**Title of Position:** Call Firefighter

**Department/Appointing Authority:** Fire Department / Fire Chief

**Date:** September 6, 2013

**Originator:** James Wright

### **Personnel Board Use Only**

**Classification:**

**Effective Date of Classification:**

**Classification Authority:** ☐ **Personnel Board** ☐ **Collective Bargaining**

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## **1. Summary Description**

Firefighters perform public safety work involving the protection of life and property by fighting fires; responding to emergency incidents; emergency medical treatment and transport; engaging in public education; skill proficiency, advanced fire and emergency medical training.

## **2. Essential Functions**

**The essential functions or duties listed below 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.**

Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Carries a radio pager to allow for notification of the need to respond for an emergency.

Responds to alarms and assists in the suppression of structural, residential, commercial, industrial, chemical, petroleum, vehicle, and wildland fires; perform fire control activities and utilize strategies in the areas of victim rescue, entry, exposure tactics, ventilation, fire containment and extinguishment, and salvage work; lay and connect hose, hold nozzles and direct water streams; rise and climb ladders; ventilate burning structures; make forcible entries and evacuate occupancies.

Operates a variety of apparatus, equipment, tools, devices, and vehicles including lifting, hoisting,

spreading, and pulling equipment, foam and additive proportioners, fuel and oil pumps, building heating and cooling systems, cutting, boring and sawing tools, lighting, lifting and air moving equipment, appliances, elevators, fire protection and escape systems, radio equipment and meters, all types of portable fire extinguishers, pike poles, hand fines, smoke ejectors, salvage covers, forcible entry tools, emergency medical equipment and other rescue equipment.

Responds to miscellaneous emergencies; including rescues, hazardous materials, flooding, and natural disasters, respond to non-emergency situations including false fire alarms, elderly assists, vehicle and residential lockouts, and other non-emergency situations.

Drives and operates ambulance and support vehicles and equipment under all weather conditions.

Performs cleaning, salvage, and overhaul work following fires, prepare apparatus and equipment for further alarms.

Participates in fire training activities; attend continuing and advanced training sessions, which include fire fighting techniques, emergency medical care, and the proper use of all equipment and related tools.

Assists in the preservation of evidence; secure fire scene.

Assists in securing sites by directing traffic, clearing public, clearing landing zones for helicopter landing; setting up lighting and related activities.

Responds to the orders and directives of incident commanders/superiors and carries out assignments per applicable practices, protocols, and guidelines.

### **3. Supervision**

Does not normally supervise any personnel.

### **4. Reporting Structure**

Works under the direction of a Company Officer.

### **5. Physical Environment**

Works in all types of weather conditions. May be exposed to extreme heat, explosion, bodily fluids, communicable diseases, and hazardous materials.

### **6. Education/Basic Knowledge**

Minimum education required is a High School diploma or GED.

## **7. Experience**

No experience is required but being a Massachusetts Certified EMT and having emergency medical ambulance treatment and transport in a busy EMS service is highly desirable. Additionally, firefighting experience and/or completion of the Massachusetts Fire Academy Training Program and certification as a Firefighter I is highly desirable.

**This 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.**