
TOWN OF BLIND RIVER

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Volunteer Firefighter
DEPARTMENT: Protective Services
REPORTS TO: Fire Chief

General Statement of Duties.

Under the direction of the Fire Chief and Officers, a Volunteer Firefighter serves the residents of Blind River by responding to a wide variety of situations, ranging from emergencies that immediately threaten life or property to routine citizen requests for information or assistance. They perform within the scope of the policies and procedures of the Town of Blind River and they perform duties in the following general categories, Fire Suppression, Emergency Medical Aid or Rescue, Hazardous Material Responses (awareness level), Training, Auto Extraction and Public Education.

Capable and able to respond to an emergency to perform firefighting duties and other related work as required in the saving of life and property.

Position Roles and Responsibilities and Working Conditions:

- A pager will be Supplied by the Fire Department
- Must maintain a reasonable level of Health and Fitness
- A firefighter must be committed to continuous training in fire suppression, prevention and emergency procedures
- Must participate in at least 70% of the required training for the year
- Due to reasons of safety, facial hair that may affect the integrity of the face piece seal of self-contained breathing apparatus, i.e. beards and sideburns are not permitted
- A firefighter is responsible for performing various duties, under emergency conditions, frequently involving considerable risk, in a safe and efficient manner
- A firefighters tasks include routine duties in the maintenance of firefighting equipment and property, carrying out of specific orders and directions as received from a superior officer in the normal course and maintenance duties, training and firefighting
- A firefighter must respond promptly, safety and efficiently to alarms, obey the orders of the officer in charge, share in the work that is required at emergency scenes, around the firehall and with cleanup after every call
- A firefighter must refrain from using offensive statements or language at the emergency scene, in and around the firehall and when on duty in public
- A firefighter at all times will conduct themselves in a professional, compassionate and sensitive manner, remembering that she/he is in the eyes of the public while on duty

Examples of Work

- Respond to emergency calls, which may include fire, rescue, hazardous materials incidents, auto extrication, water rescue and other emergencies
- Lay and connect hose, hold nozzles and direct water streams, raise and climb ladders, use extinguishers and other fire department equipment
- Drive fire apparatus as assigned
- Carry out overhaul and salvage to ensure extinguishment and prevent further loss from water damage, where possible.
- Operate firefighting vehicles, equipment and apparatus as assigned
- Participate in training, practices and be familiar with the operations of the fire department vehicles, motorized equipment and specialized tools used in for and rescue operations performed by the department
- Perform necessary inspections and maintenance of fire hoses, trucks, ladders, and auxiliary equipment, station and apparatus, and report any deficiencies
- Participate in public education programs, which promotes the prevention of fires and saving lives (as mandated in the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, R.S.O. 1997)
- Other duties as assigned by the Officer in charge (Incident Commander)

Working Conditions

- Regularly work in emergency situations with distressed, emotional or excited people
- Emotionally demanding, stressful environments
- Perform work in all weather conditions
- Exposure to hazardous contaminants
- Exposure to very hot or very cold temperatures
- Exposure to sounds and noise levels that may be distracting and uncomfortable
- Firefighters may have to physically assist victims when escaping a dangerous situation

Firefighters will be expected to respond and work in all types of weather and less than ideal conditions. She/he could have to enter hazardous atmospheres or areas and will be expected to work in a safe manner.

Minimum Qualifications

- Valid High School Diploma
- Valid Driver's License, Ability to obtain a Valid Class DZ Driver's License
- Resident of Blind River
- Means of transportation to respond to alarms and attend training
- Medical Certificate – to be completed by Applicant's Doctor
- Ability to provide a vulnerable sector clearance
- Effective communication to understand and carry out verbal instructions
- Ability to successfully pass first aid/CPR certification training