

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

NATURE OF WORK

This is responsible supervisory and professional Firefighting work on a citywide basis.

Work involves direct command of all Firefighting forces on an assigned shift. Work is performed under the general supervision of an Assistant Fire Chief and is reviewed through reports, conferences and observation of results.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK

Directs, through Battalion Chief, all Firefighting personnel and equipment on a shift; inspects all personnel and quarters on each shift; dispatches all apparatus on non-fire emergencies and non-emergency moves.

Responds to all fire alarms in high value or high-risk areas; responds to all second alarms; responds to third alarms when off duty; is in full command at the scene of a fire until relieved by an assistant Chief or the Fire Chief.

Hires back employees when manpower quota drops below normal or during multiple alarm fires or non-fire emergencies; assigns vacations, by seniority, to the entire (shift) staff.

Investigates petroleum, chemical, and other hazardous substance spills; participates in the testing of sprinkler and standpipe systems, and of the foam systems at tank farms.

Arranges for company inspection of homes for fire prevention; arranges for the testing of hydrants.

Maintains diary and card files and prepares weekly reports.

Performs related work as required.

REQUIREMENTS OF WORK

Graduation from high school, and two years in Civil Service rank of Battalion Chief in the New Haven Fire Department. All requirements must be satisfied at time of application to test.

Must also possess the following:

Considerable knowledge of the rules and regulations of the New Haven Fire Department and of fire prevention laws and ordinances.

Considerable knowledge of modern developments in the field of Firefighting and related activities.

Knowledge of modern Firefighting methods and equipment, of fire department hydraulics, and of fire prevention methods.

Ability to plan, assign and direct the work of subordinates.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other departmental staff and with the public.

Ability to direct, effectively and with good judgment, the operations of personnel and equipment under emergency conditions.

Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing.