

Firefighter Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Promote fire safety by organizing training sessions, talks, and seminars
- Review and implement safety policies and procedures at residential and commercial properties
- Provide company staff with demonstrations on how to effectively operate firefighting equipment
- Conduct practice drills to acquaint company personnel with emergency response procedures
- Ensure availability of water supply at emergency scene by testing fire hydrants to confirm they are operational
- Respond to emergency callouts by driving to fire scenes, operating firefighting equipment to extinguish fire, and rescuing people
- Follow manufacturer's instructions to complete preventive maintenance requirements to ensure equipment are in working order
- Liaise with the police and ambulance service personnel to respond to emergency situations
- Undertake physical training in order to maintain fitness level required for the job
- Assess situations quickly to decide the best course of action
- Produce written reports of emergency incidents
- Participate in educational workshops, seminars, and programs to update job skill and knowledge
- Ensure fire scenes are cleaned up after an inferno by removing burnt items and debris
- Conduct inspection of fire scenes to identify the cause of an incident
- Provide emergency medical services to fire casualties in the absence of an ambulance.

Firefighter Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- Education and Training: To become a firefighter, you require at least a high school diploma. Having a degree in fire science on the other hand increases job prospects. You also require certification as an emergency medical technician
- Physical Strength: Firefighters maintain a level of fitness necessary for lifting and handling firefighting equipment
- Judgment: They are able to make sound decisions on best ways to tackle an emergency situation
- Safety Management Skills: They are able to recommend appropriate safety procedures to prevent fire outbreak in an organization
- Pre-employment tests: This position usually requires taking one or two tests before being hired. Find out about the assessment tests you may be asked to take for the firefighter position, and how to make top scores in them.