

FIRE CHIEF (CITY OF BEACON)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This is an important administrative post involving responsibility for planning and directing all fire fighting and prevention activities. The instruction and training of recruits, as well as the maintenance of high standards of performance throughout the force are direct responsibilities of the Chief. The work is performed under the administrative direction of the City Manager, Board of Fire Commissioners, or other appointing authority. Supervision is exercised over the work of all fire department personnel.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

The following is indicative of the level and types of activities performed by incumbents in this title. It is not meant to be all inclusive and does not preclude a supervisor from assigning activities not listed which could reasonably be expected to be performed by an employee in this title.

1. Takes active command at fires;
2. Assigns personnel to stations;
3. Makes recommendations for and passes upon the purchase of equipment, additions to personnel, restoration of stations and other matters for the betterment of the service;
4. Plans and directs training activities for new employees and for those in service;
5. Is responsible for the discipline and morale of the department;
6. Investigates causes of fires occurring within the municipality;
7. Prepares oral and written reports on all activities of the department;
8. Reports to the chief executive officer of the municipality on all matters;
9. Issues working orders for the department;
10. Supervises inspection of sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems, buildings and plans for compliance with Fire Prevention Code, and issues permits;
11. Plans and directs fire prevention activities including periodic inspection of buildings, premises and industrial processes for fire hazards and the education of the public;
12. Prepares departmental budget.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of modern fire fighting and fire prevention methods; thorough knowledge of local fire prevention laws and ordinances; thorough knowledge of State regulations on Fire and Police Safety and State and County Mutual Aid Systems; thorough knowledge of the use and maintenance of fire fighting equipment; thorough knowledge of first aid methods; thorough knowledge of the local building code; thorough knowledge of the geography of the locality; thorough knowledge of the fire hazards and fire history of the locality; ability to plan, lay out and supervise the work of others; ability to develop contingency plans for a variety of disaster situations; ability to establish satisfactory working relationships with other governmental officials and the public; integrity; initiative; resourcefulness; tact and courtesy; good judgement; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma AND:

- EITHER: (A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associate's degree and ten (10) years of full-time paid work experience in any position or combination of positions in the rank of Fire Lieutenant or higher;
- OR: (B) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associate's degree and fifteen (15) years of volunteer experience* as a Firefighter, eight (8) of which must have been served as a Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Assistant Chief or any combination thereof.

*Applicants must submit a letter from a Fire Department or Fire District providing credit for current service or active volunteer experience.

NOTE: Full time paid work experience as a Deputy Fire Chief or Fire Chief may be substituted for the educational requirement as described in (A) above on a year for year basis.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Candidates who have not previously received a permanent appointment to a firefighter position would additionally have to meet the requirements of Section 209-w of General Municipal Law which include completion of an approved fire basic safety training program.

ADOPTED: 11/16/2012