

# JOB DESCRIPTION

**Village of Union City**  
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**Title:** Firefighter

**Reports:** Chief/Captain/Lieutenant/EMT-(Basic-Advanced-Paramedic)

**Employment Status:** Full-Time

**FLSA Status:** Non-exempt

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**Qualifications:**

1. High school diploma or general education degree (GED).
2. Ohio Firefighter Level 1 certificate.
3. Must possess a valid driver's license.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

Under direction, provides quality emergency services in the protection of life and property; acts without direct supervision and exercises independent discretion in meeting emergencies.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES:**

1. Responds to fire alarms and assists with controlling and extinguishing fires.
  2. Operates trucks, ladders, pumps, generators, and other related equipment.
  3. Utilizes axes, ropes, bolt cutters, power tools, and related fire fighting equipment to assist in fire fighting operations.
  4. Performs rescue and salvage operations.
  5. Inspects, cleans, tests, and performs parts replacement on fire and safety equipment.
  6. Performs adjustments on fire control systems.
  7. Maintains equipment and work area in a clean, orderly, safe condition.
  8. Lifts and moves victims of various weights and lifts up to eighty (80) pounds and moves thirty (30) yards of rescue tools, ladders, related emergency tools, etc.
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9. Follows all department safety practices and procedures.
10. Subject to on call twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.
11. Maintains required licenses and/or certificates.
12. Demonstrates regular and predictable attendance.

### **OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Attends workshops or seminars related to duties performed.
2. Performs other duties as assigned by supervisor.

### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

**Knowledge of:** geographic layout of jurisdiction; fire/emergency rescue techniques; department goals and objectives; safety practices and procedures; EMT rules and regulations; emergency medical care procedures; first aid practices; cardiopulmonary resuscitation; equipment, chemicals, and other materials used in custodial services; public relations; workplace safety.

**Skill in:** emergency medical equipment operation; rescue equipment.

**Ability to:** carry out detailed but basic written or oral instructions; interpret a variety of instructions in written, oral, picture, or schedule form; deal with a variety of variables within somewhat unfamiliar context; recognize unusual or threatening conditions and take appropriate action; exercise independent judgment; understand, interpret, and apply laws, rules, or regulations to specific situations; compile and prepare reports; communicate effectively; develop and maintain effective working relationships; demonstrate physical endurance; travel to and gain access to work site; lift, position, and move disabled or bedridden clients/patients; operates emergency vehicles, rescue equipment, computer, electronic equipment; lifts and moves up to 80 pounds and moves 30 yards of equipment and tools.

### **EQUIPMENT OPERATED:**

Ambulance, fire truck.

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### **PHYSICALLY DEMANDING AND HAZARDOUS WORKING CONDITIONS INHERENT IN THIS JOB DESCRIPTION:**

1. Ability to withstand extreme temperatures and endure physical stress.
2. Ability to spend extensive time outside, exposed to elements.
3. Ability to tolerate extreme fluctuations in temperature while performing duties.
4. Must perform physically demanding work in hot (up to 400 degrees), humid (up to 100%) atmospheres while wearing equipment that significantly impairs body cooling mechanisms.
5. Ability to experience frequent transition from hot to cold and from humid to dry atmospheres.
6. Ability to work in wet, icy, or muddy areas.
7. Ability to perform a variety of tasks on slippery, hazardous surfaces such as on rooftops or ladders.
8. Ability to work in areas where sustaining traumatic or thermal injuries is possible.
9. Ability to face exposure to carcinogenic dusts such as asbestos, toxic substances such as hydrogen cyanide, acids, carbon monoxide, or organic solvents either through inhalation or skin contact.
10. Ability to face exposure to infectious agents such as hepatitis B or HIV.
11. Ability to wear person protective equipment that weighs approximately 50 pounds while performing fire fighting tasks.
12. Ability to perform physically demanding work while wearing positive pressure breathing equipment with 1.5 inches of water column resistance to exhalation at a flow of 40 liters per minute.
13. Ability to operate in environments of high noise, poor visibility, limited mobility, at heights and in enclosed or confined spaces.

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## PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:

As per the Village of Union City's Policy Manual.

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This job description in no manner states or implies that these are the only duties and responsibilities to be performed by the incumbent who will be required to follow other instructions and perform any duties required by the position's supervisor, Mayor, or designee.

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Approved by Mayor

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Date

I understand, and will perform to the best of my ability, the job duties and requirements specified in this job description.

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Employee's Signature

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Date