

**NEWTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
CLASS SPECIFICATION**

**CLASS TITLE:** FIREFIGHTER/EMT RECRUIT  
**DEPARTMENT:** FIRE  
**REPORTS TO:** Training Officer

**JOB CODE:** 2513  
**DATE:** 09/2020

**JOB SUMMARY:**

As a Firefighter EMT Recruit with Newton County Fire Service, you will work to obtain specific job duties related to fire suppression, fire prevention education, rescue, Hazmat and Advanced Emergency Medical Services. A recruit will be enrolled into a training program designed to deliver the required skills and knowledge to become certified and licensed in the State of Georgia as a Firefighter/AEMT.

\*This position would normally operate under the direction of the Training Officer; however, they would always follow the departmental chain of command in the Training Officer's absence.

**ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:**

Will learn how to conduct searches of fire building interiors for rescue of trapped persons; performs ventilation, overhaul, and advancement of hose lines to apply water to fire.

Will learn how to evacuate people from hazardous areas such as burning buildings, hazardous atmospheres, damaged motor vehicles, and areas pending weather damage.

Will learn how to conduct basic phases of rescues from heights, building collapse and extrication of injured from machinery, motor vehicles and heavy equipment.

Participates in Emergency Medical Training programs to develop and maintain competency and proficiency in basic and advanced first aid, life saving techniques and will participate in drills, simulation scenarios and on the job activities.

Will learn how to maintain the station, grounds, and equipment/apparatus; clean and disinfect medical equipment and restock supplies.

Will learn how to complete requisitions, reports, repair orders, and maintenance checklists as required.

Operates a variety of general office equipment and communication equipment.

Performs other related duties as assigned.

**MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT USED:**

Firefighting  
Rescue

Hazmat  
General Office

Emergency Medical Services

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:**

All candidates to fill a vacant position in this classification must submit to and pass a drug-screening test after meeting the following minimum requirements:

High school diploma or GED

Must be able to pass a fire department mandated pre-employment physical

Must complete and pass a written entry-level exam and physical agility test

Valid Driver's license

Must be 18 years of age

## **Education and Experience:**

Any combination of education, training and experience, which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities, required for the job.

Ability to obtain within 12 months the following: NPQ Firefighter I, NPQ Firefighter JI, NPQ Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations, FEMA NIMS: ICS-100, ICS-200, IS-700, and IS-800 certificates.

State of Georgia AEMT licensure.

American Heart Association BLS CPR certification.

Successfully complete departmental physical agility test. within 7 minutes, per GA FF Standards and Training Council.

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

### **Knowledge of:**

English language and grammar.

Basic mathematical skills

Microsoft Office programs

### **Skill in:**

Use of fire suppression equipment and apparatus.

Use of Advanced medical care equipment

### **Mental and Physical Abilities:**

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with the general public.

Interpret and apply rules, regulations, policies, and procedures.

Deal courteously and diplomatically with the general public.

Work quickly under physically and emotionally stressful situations.

Work at great heights or in other hazardous situations.

Learn and apply information related to the performance of firefighting duties, including: Fire prevention methods and techniques; Principles, practices, procedures, equipment, and apparatus used in modern firefighting and in the protection of life and property from fire;

Safe and effective rescue techniques; Fire and ambulance radio procedures; Principles, methods, training techniques, and equipment used in modern firefighting, rescue operations, and medical emergency treatment; Geography of the County including major streets and landmarks; Municipal water system and drafting techniques.

Must be physically fit with substantial physical endurance. Must be able to perform yearly physical fitness evaluation.

While performing essential functions of this job, employee is regularly expected to stand, walk, use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; talk, hear; smell; and lift and/or move up to and in excess of 100 pounds.

**Working Conditions:**

While performing essential functions of this position, employee is occasionally exposed to wet or humid conditions, work in high precarious places, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, outdoor weather conditions, extreme cold, extreme heat, risk of electrical shock, and flame, blood, airborne pathogens and hostile or offensive patients.

Incumbent's working conditions are typically quiet but may become very loud responding to emergency calls and at the scene of a fire or other emergency.

I have read and understand the above job description.

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name

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Signature (Training Chief or Designee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# NEWTON COUNTY FIRE SERVICE

## PHYSICAL ABILITIES TEST

The applicant will be provided with the proper PPE, Personal Protective Equipment, to perform the following: (The applicant will be given seven minutes to complete.)

**Activity #1 Stair Climb:** The applicant, while carrying a hose pack, shall walk up a flight of stairs, to the top landing, touch the rail and descend to the bottom, place both feet on the ground, then repeat the process two more times. Upon reaching the top landing on the third round, drop the hose pack and proceed to activity #2.

**Activity #2 Hose Hoist:** After approaching the railing, the applicant is required to hoist two sections of hose, one at a time, a 50' section of rolled 2 ½" hose up and over the railing and place them on the platform. The applicant must use a hand over hand method. The applicant must then enter the building and proceed downstairs and out the front door to activity #3.

**Activity #3 Vent Simulator:** The Applicant is required to stand on top of the tire and strike the tire 20 times with a sledge hammer using an over the head method; hands must clear the shoulder and must maintain control of the sledge hammer at all times. Once complete, the applicant walks to the front of the building to activity #4.

**Activity #4 Ladder Raise:** The applicant shall raise a single section ladder and position against the building and make ready to climb. The applicant must then climb the ladder to the platform and exit the ladder. The applicant shall walk across the platform and down the stairway to activity #5.

**Activity #5 Rescue Drag:** The applicant must lift the rescue mannikin, drag it into the building, exit on the opposite side and return to the starting point. Dragging the rescue mannikin by the arms or legs is not permitted; at least 75% of the torso must be *off* the ground. Once complete, the applicant shall proceed to activity #6.

**Activity #6 Hose Advance:** The applicant must pick up a pressurized 1 ¼" hose line and advance it to a marked area (approximately 150'), open the nozzle and flow water until directed to stop. Time stopped. This is the completion of the Physical Abilities Test.

*Note: There is nothing that prevents an applicant from resting between each activity, however, the rest time will be included as part of the total test time. (the clock does not stop)*