



Winsted Fire Department

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Interior Firefighter Job Description

PURPOSE:

To outline the job duties or assignments of an Interior Firefighter within the Winsted Fire Department.

POLICY:

It will be the policy of the Winsted Fire Department to assign people that have the ability, proper skills, knowledge and certifications to perform as Interior Firefighters including the jobs and duties that may include the use of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Interior Firefighter is a trained member responsible for performing fire suppression, rescue, and emergency response tasks within immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH) environments, including inside burning structures. This position requires specialized training, physical fitness, and a strong commitment to teamwork and safety.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Responds to fire alarms, medical emergencies, and other emergency incidents as assigned.
- Performs interior structural firefighting tasks, including search and rescue, fire attack, and ventilation.
- Operates firefighting tools and equipment safely and effectively under extreme conditions.
- Participates in training drills, classroom instruction, and hands-on exercises to maintain certifications and readiness.
- Wears and maintains self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and full personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Assists with forcible entry, ladder operations, salvage and overhaul, and hose deployment.
- Follows orders from officers and adheres to departmental SOPs, safety policies, and incident command protocols.
- Maintains physical conditioning and participates in wellness activities as required.
- Conducts equipment checks and station maintenance tasks when not on calls.



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- Participating in public education and community outreach events as needed.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum age of 18 years old as required by the State of CT Labor Department
- Completion of Firefighter I and Hazardous Material Operational Level or equivalent state-certified interior firefighter training program.
- SCBA-qualified and medically cleared for interior operations under NFPA 1582 standards.
- NIMS/ICS 100 and 700 certifications.
- Basic First Aid, CPR/AED or EMT certification
- Valid driver's license.
- Physically fit and capable of performing strenuous tasks under stressful conditions.
- Willingness to respond to calls, attend drills, and maintain active membership status.

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Expected to attend regular training sessions, emergency calls, and department functions.
- Must maintain active status by fulfilling minimum response and participation requirements as set by the department.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

- Involves exposure to extreme heat, smoke, toxic environments, and physically demanding tasks.
- Work is performed in stressful, high-risk environments during all hours and weather conditions.
- Requires wearing full PPE and SCBA for extended periods.