

# PEQUOT LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

## JOB DESCRIPTIONS / REQUIREMENTS

Effective December 2015

This is a general guideline of job descriptions and requirements for a Pequot Lakes Volunteer Firefighter and officers of this department. **This list is not all inclusive.** Job descriptions and requirements may change at any time due to state guidelines / regulations.

**Note:** Experience on the Pequot Lakes Fire Department of 10 years or more as of December 2006 supersedes required schooling for officers.

### **FIREFIGHTER**

#### **Requirements**

- Must be minimum age of 18 & have completed high school – or it's equivalent (GED) to join fire department
- Normal vision needed with or without correction. Requires both near & far acuity.
- Normal hearing needed.
- Heavy lifting required up to 70 pounds or more.
- Must be physically fit. Must be able to walk, crawl, climb and descend ladders, balance in precarious positions while lifting or carrying objects. Must be able to work in confined spaces while wearing protective clothing including self contained breathing apparatus.
- Must pass physical exam required by Pequot Lakes Fire Department
- Must be able to work as a team member under stress caused by emergencies, danger, or criticism and must be able to work fast while concentrating very hard.
- Must be able to read, understand, and follow written and oral instructions and use logic to solve problems
- Must be willing to work under hazardous conditions: He or she is exposed to many emergency incidents such as fires, rescues, possible exposure to death situations, hazardous material releases, mutual aid emergencies, disaster operations, and any type of emergency that presents risk to the public.
- Firefighter 1 certification within the 1st two years on department.
- Attends monthly business meetings and training meetings (1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month)

#### **Job Description**

- Drives responsibly to the fire station in personally owned vehicles
- Utilizes skills and knowledge to respond to fire alarms and other emergency calls, extinguishes or controls fires as a member of a team under the supervision of an officer.
- Responds to accidents and assists medical personnel with extrication of injured persons as needed.
- Maintains fire apparatus and equipment as part of a team under the supervision of an officer
- Performs as a driver /operator of fire apparatus under supervision of an officer

- Wears appropriated protective clothing and equipment at all scenes - including self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) depending on potential exposure to smoke or other hazardous materials.
- Communicates with supervisor during fire / rescue operations using portable radios.
- Administers first aid and CPR to injured persons.
- Utilize proper equipment in fire attack and other fire scene functions, or other functional requirements as needed and instructed by the incident command officer at the scene of emergency.
- Reports directly to officer in charge on scene ~ captains, safety officer, assistant chiefs and ultimately chief 1.
- Knowledge and adherence to all department policies
- Follows general operating guidelines.