

# The CITY OF BURNSVILLE Invites applications for the position of:

## Firefighter/Paramedic

An Equal Opportunity Employer

**OPENING DATE:** 6/01/2020

**CLOSING DATE:** 6/22/2020

STARTING SALARY: \$67,028/annual - \$69,043/annual, Depending on Qualifications

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Protect and save life and property through effective rescue and firefighting work, perform related fire prevention activities, equipment and facility maintenance, housekeeping functions as assigned, and perform other fire duties as directed. Respond to emergency medical calls and render aid to victims.

#### **ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:**

- Respond on or off duty to fire calls and/or emergencies as directed.
- Respond to emergency medical calls, render aid to victim(s) as required in accordance with department policy.
- Respond to fire alarms. Involves getting to the scene with proper equipment quickly and safely. Includes proper positioning of fire apparatus and other equipment. Conducts themselves in a safe and efficient manner.
- Rescue individuals from fires and other emergency situations. Evacuates occupants
  of burning structures and assists them to safety. Administers first aid to injured
  persons as required.
- Extinguish fires. Place hoses and ladders, operates pumps, directs streams of water, uses other extinguishing agents as appropriate, ventilates structures by opening windows or cutting holes, etc. May operate aerial ladders, fire extinguishers, bars, axes, etc., as needed. Involves working inside, outside, and on top of burning and smoke-filled structures.
- Perform salvage operations. May include placing tarps, removing excess water, shoveling out debris, sometimes patching windows and holes, and performing other clean-up as directed.
- Clean up and prepare equipment. Includes refueling vehicles, refilling water tanks, recharging air tanks and extinguishers, washing trucks and hand tools, drying and reloading hoses, and other work needed to return vehicles and equipment to ready status.

- Assist in inspecting, maintaining, and repairing, as necessary, all fire related equipment. Complete proper check lists and report damaged and improperly functioning equipment.
- Maintain facilities and perform housekeeping duties as directed. Includes building and grounds maintenance, sweeping and washing floors and walls, cleaning living areas, and performing minor repairs as needed and assigned.
- Assist in fire prevention duties as assigned. Assist with regular inspection of commercial and public buildings. Check and flow hydrants to determine water supply. Assist with fire prevention education, etc.
- Maintain and improve rescue and Firefighting skills. Attend training sessions, studies
  material on fire hazards and Firefighting or rescue methods and maintains familiarity
  with city streets and all department equipment.
- Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic personnel shall maintain all related skill levels in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.
- Keep a superior officer advised of fire suppression developments and perform other duties as assigned.

## FIREFIGHTER JOB REQUIREMENTS AND PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

- Need to have excellent driving skills
- Be able to step up into/on truck with a maximum height of 30"
- Be able to reach up to the maximum of 88" and 36" deep
- Be able to climb up the back and on the top of the fire truck and balance self along a 15" span
- Be able to climb several flights of stairs, 35' to 45' ladders
- Be able to balance self while handling weighted equipment in a burning and smoke filled structure
- Be able to lift or carry equipment from floor to overhead
- Be able to kneel/crouch balanced without support
- Be able to crawl about on hands and knees with weight on your back
- Be able to push/pull objects using total body movements (forces up to 18 pounds required for basic equipment)
- Be able to walk long distances (over 100 yards at one time)
- Need good grip strength with gloves to handle tools requiring torqueing, pounding, and jerky motions with hands
- Handle equipment, injured people and gauges
- Be able to move around with 55 pounds weighted gear and a variety of weighted equipment or an injured person
- Have general mechanical ability/knowledge of engines
- Need good visual acuity to read gauges
- Need good auditory and comprehension skills to follow directions
- Need quick reflexes
- Not be claustrophobic or have a fear of heights or cramped quarters
- Maintenance of grounds which includes, but is not limited to, shoveling, snow blowing, and watering
- Be able to work under stress/pressure

- Be able to rappel a wall with or without injured person
- Be able to perform rescue operations in water and ice conditions

## PARAMEDIC JOB REQUIREMENTS AND PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

- Need to have excellent driving skills
- Be able to step up onto the first step 23 1/2" into vehicle
- Need to be able to balance self while in moving vehicle from a crouched or standing position (maximum ceiling height 5' 6")
- Need to have good auditory skills to understand the radio unit, hear heart beat with stethoscope while sirens are on
- Need good verbal skills to relay information
- Need good hand strength to handle a variety of weighted equipment and people
- Need good dexterity and eyesight to administer IV drugs
- Need good tactile sensation for heart rate palpation and other medical services
- Be able to assist in caring and lifting a stretcher with a person
- Be cardiovascular fit for rapid stair climbing and other situational needs
- Work well under stress
- Able to reach into cabinets up to 50 1/2" high and 21" deep
- Good balance
- Meet all qualifications for firefighter

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS/PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Non-skid floor surfaces and handles in ambulance and fire trucks
- Work in confined spaces
- Work in and around burning and smoke-filled structures
- Varied outside temperatures
- Work in unprotected heights
- Work around mechanical, chemical, and electrical hazards
- Work around noise
- Work around moving objects and people
- Vibration
- Hazardous waste
- Odors/toxic fumes
- Lung/skin irritants
- Wet/damp surfaces
- Slippery surfaces in garage after washing vehicles daily
- Garage heated but not air conditioned
- Infectious diseases, needles, body fluids, blood borne pathogens
- Uneven surfaces

#### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Valid Minnesota Driver's License or eligible to be licensed in the State of Minnesota at time of application
- At Time of Background Check:

- I.F.S.A.C. or ProBoard Accredited Firefighter II Certification
- Current National Registry Certification as a Paramedic
- o Currently certified or eligible for certification as a Paramedic in Minnesota
- Eligible to obtain MN Firefighter licensure immediately upon hiring
- o NIMS IS-100, NIM S IS-200 and NIMS IS-700
- Successfully completed a Hazardous Materials Operations NFPA 472 Compliant Class

#### **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Experience as a full-time, volunteer, or military Firefighter
- Experience as an emergency medical responder
- MS Office computer skills
- Experience with Fire and/or EMS Electronic Records Management Systems
- Post-secondary education

#### **EXAMINATION:**

- Training and Experience Rating
- Oral Interview
- Other testing as appropriate
- Final candidate must successfully complete background investigation, physical, drug test and psychological

#### **TENTATIVE TIMELINE:**

Applications will be screened to ensure they meet qualifications.

First Round Interviews will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2020.

Final Interview will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Agility Test Practice: Friday, July 10, 2020 (weather dependent)

Agility Test: Friday, July 24, 2020 (weather dependent)