

**City of Bristol**

**Date: February 26, 1990**

**Title: Firefighter**

**Department: Fire Department**

**Position Goal:**

Works combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires, answering emergency calls and in the operation and maintenance of Fire Department equipment, apparatus, and quarters.

**Primary Duties:**

Drives and operates pump and ladder trucks; operates pumps, aerial ladders and auxiliary equipment; lays and connects hose; holds nozzles and directs water streams; raises and climbs ladders; uses portable fire extinguishers and forcible entry tools. Performs ventilation operations, rescue operations, and salvage operations such as throwing salvage covers, sweeping water and removing debris. Drives assigned piece of fire fighting apparatus to and from fires and operates pumps and other mechanical equipment as required; cleans and services assigned apparatus and maintains it in a condition of readiness; reports mechanical failures or difficulties to a superior officer. Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of fire department property; cleans and washes walls and floors; makes minor repairs to property and equipment, washes and dries hoses; washes, cleans, polishes, and tests apparatus.

**Additional Duties:**

Attends in service training courses; reads and studies assigned materials related to fire fighting and fire prevention; studies the theory and techniques of fire fighting and related subjects, and participates in a variety of training sessions.

**Supervised By:**

Works under the direct supervision of the officer in charge of the company to which he is assigned and under the direction of superior officers when engaged in fire fighting operations.

**Qualifications Profile:**

Ability to learn a wide variety of fire fighting duties and methods within a reasonable working test period. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees and the general public. Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions. Ability to obtain a Class II Connecticut State Driver's License. Ability to operate all Fire Department apparatus. Ability to successfully complete the State Firefighter 1 certification course.

**License or Certificate:**

High School or equivalent certificate. A valid Connecticut State Motor Vehicle Operator's License and a good driving record.

**Special Conditions:**

Employees in this classification are required to perform heavy manual labor under conditions of extreme personal hazard and under conditions of extreme discomfort due to heat, smoke, cold, etc.