

## CITY OF NORWALK

The City of Norwalk, located along Long Island Sound, has a population of nearly 90,000 people, making it the sixth largest city in the State of Connecticut. Located in the heart of Fairfield County, approximately 30 miles northeast of New York City, Norwalk is home to 12 elementary schools, four middle schools, three high schools, two colleges, one hospital, more than 100 places of worship, and over 1,000 businesses. Norwalk Harbor is one of the most important centers of recreational boating, commercial shell fishing and other water-dependent activities in western Long Island Sound. Water-dependent facilities include: 15 marinas, 13 private clubs with boating facilities, five commercial port facilities, over 1,800 berthing spaces, and over 500 Harbor mooring locations serving recreational vessels in Norwalk Harbor. In addition, Norwalk is home to the Norwalk River, the Five Mile River, several creeks, and approximately two-dozen stationary bodies of water. In all, Norwalk is home to roughly 35 miles of shoreline.

The Norwalk Fire Department is a career department consisting of 132 line firefighters and officers, deployed into four shifts manning five stations. Frontline apparatus consists of five engines, two trucks, one heavy rescue, and a command car. We also provide marine fire and rescue capabilities through the use of two fire boats. The department also contains 13 staff personnel consisting of the Fire Marshal's Office, Training Division, Apparatus Maintenance, the Fire Chief, and Assistant Fire Chief respectively. The Norwalk Fire Department is called upon by both its residents as well as its neighbors for fire emergencies, emergency medical services, Haz-Mat, rapid intervention teams, confined space rescue, trench rescue, collapse rescue, and vehicle rescue/extrication. The Norwalk Fire Department protects residents, numerous visitors to its coastal recreational areas, and uncounted travelers on the Interstate 95 corridor. So far in 2018, the Norwalk Fire Department has responded to nearly 7,000 incidents, including calls for structure and vehicle fires, EMS/Rescue, and hazardous materials.

### FIREFIGHTER JOB DESCRIPTION:

Performs fire suppression and prevention duties. Maintains fire apparatus, equipment, buildings and grounds. Example of Duties: A firefighter must be able to work within the team concept, and be capable of maintaining effective working relationships with peers and supervisors. A firefighter shall perform scheduled routine maintenance tasks. These include but are not limited to, care and maintenance of fire apparatus, breathing equipment, hand and power tools, hose and associated appliances, emergency life support equipment, and any other equipment assigned. The firefighter shall maintain fire department buildings and grounds in the prescribed manner. A firefighter must have the ability to perform firefighting tasks in accordance with NFPA Standard 1001, Firefighter Professional Qualifications. Tasks are performed under extreme conditions such as hostile environments, weather and temperature extremes, cramped surroundings, limited visibility and under physical and mental stress. The

firefighter's responsibility lies in protecting life and property while under supervision of his superiors. The firefighter will be involved in in-service inspections, pre-fire planning, fire prevention, and public education. The firefighter must be capable of dealing with the general public in courteous manner.

**Supervised By:**

Works under supervision of Lieutenant, Captain, or Deputy Chief. Work is reviewed for technical proficiency, and effectiveness.

**Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

Ability to learn firefighting methods and techniques, the operation of firefighting equipment, street location and physical layout of the City, and major traffic and fire hazards. Ability to think and act quickly in emergencies. Ability to understand and follow oral and written directions promptly and accurately. Ability to deal courteously and effectively with the general public. Ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Permanent work status
- High school diploma or equivalency certificate.
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Valid Connecticut Motor Vehicle Operator's License
- Excellent Physical and Mental Health
- Provide a valid ( Not older than 1 year ) Candidates Physical Agility Test (CPAT) card at the time of conditional job offer

**BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- Opportunity for Advancement after 5 years as a Firefighter
- Comprehensive Medical Benefits, Pension Plan, Life Insurance
- Paid Vacation, Holidays and Sick Leave
- Job Related College Tuition Reimbursement
- Competitive salary