Firefighter

Bedford County, Tennessee

**Department**: Bedford County Fire Department **Full/Part Time**: Full Time

**Shift:** 24 hrs on/ 48 hrs off **Status:** Non-Exempt

**Job Summary**: The primary function of a Bedford County Firefighter is to protect the community from disaster situations and promote an environment of public safety and fire safety and protection within Bedford County Fire Department’s response area. This position also participates in fire prevention and property inspection activities, equipment, and station maintenance, and training dealing with all phases of fire management and emergency operations.

**Physical Demands**: This job requires heavy lifting, crawling, kneeling, and walking long distances; this job may require lifting patients on a stretcher with assistance; this job requires being able to see during the night and in inclement weather; this job requires using your hands to perform small but important tasks

**Work Environment**: Noise levels can be loud and must be able to communicate with background noise; must be able to hear radio calls; this job requires working on rough terrain and in all types of weather

**Essential Functions**:

* Respond to fire alarms and take action to contain and extinguish fires
* Respond to calls for emergency medical services
* Administer first aid to injured persons
* Drive and operate fire fighting vehicles and equipment
* Clean and inspect equipment after returning from fire
* Notify superior officer of any defects with equipment
* Prepare written reports that detail specifics of fire incidents
* Perform routine preventative maintenance tasks
* Inform and educate the public of fire prevention
* Keep fire station and equipment in a clean and orderly condition
* Collaborate with police to respond to accidents and disasters
* Participate in training activities
* Acquire and retain knowledge of Bedford County
* Work in a safe manner and report unsafe activity and conditions

**Additional Functions**:

* Adhere to policies and procedures
* Must obtain Firefighter 1 certification within one year of hire date
* Must obtain Firefighter 2 certification within two years of hire date
* Regular attendance
* Other duties as assigned
* Ability to get along with coworkers, citizens, and other departments

**Minimum Qualifications**:

*Education/Experience*: High School diploma equivalent; basic live firefighting course at the Tennessee State Fire & Codes Academy; TARS EVOC driver training course; Bedford county EMS first responder course; three to four (3-4) years of volunteer fire fighting experience preferred

*Language Skills*: Must be able to communicate verbally and in writing to convey information effectively in person, over the phone, and via radio in potentially high stress situations

*Mathematical Skills*: Basic math skills

*Reasoning ability*: Ability to understand patient needs; ability to handle high stress situations, ability to problem solve in a fast-paced setting

*Other Skills and Abilities*: Ability to use necessary tools and equipment; ability to work with a team and multitask; ability to remain calm in stressful situations

**APPLICANT/EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

*The job description for the position of Firefighter (FT) for the Bedford County Fire Department describes the duties and responsibilities for employment in this position. I acknowledge that I have received this job description, and understand that it is not a contract of employment. I am responsible for reading this job description and complying with all job duties, requirements and responsibilities contained herein, and any subsequent revisions.*

Signature Date

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