

CITY OF WASHINGTON

Job Opening For: Firefighter Level 1

Number of Openings: 2

Minimum Qualifications

- High School Diploma or GED equivalent.
- Valid Georgia Driver's License for the types of vehicles used by the department.
- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Must successfully pass a pre-employment process which includes background check, oral interview, physical exam, drug screening, and physical performance evaluation.
- Must be of good moral character as determined by investigation.
- Must complete all Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training requirements for employment as set forth in O.C.G.A 25-4-1.
- EMT certification is preferred or must demonstrate the capability to attain Georgia EMT certification within two years of the date of hire.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Knowledge of:

- Policies and procedures of the Washington Fire Department.
- Operational characteristics and activities of comprehensive fire suppression, rescue techniques, and prevention programs and emergency medical services
- Principles and practices of fire suppression, emergency medical and technical, and rescue procedures.
- Operation, maintenance and use of modern firefighting apparatus and equipment.
- CPR, EMT, and first aid procedures.
- Methods, techniques, and equipment used in providing emergency medical services.
- Principles and practices of fire and rescue training.
- Technical activities of fire suppression, fire prevention and emergency medical services.
- Pertinent federal, state, and local laws, codes, and regulations.
- General fire and building codes.
- Modern office procedures, methods and equipment including computers and related software and equipment.
- Geography of the City of Washington and Wilkes County.
- Specialized communications equipment.
- Various building construction techniques and the consequence of each type on fire suppression and prevention activities.
- Safe work practices and procedures.
- English usage, spelling, grammar, and punctuation.
- Principles and procedures of record keeping.
- Approved procedures for hazardous materials storage, transport and clean up.

Ability to:

- Work under stress and use good judgment in emergency situations.
- Professionally and tactfully respond to requests and inquiries from the public.
- Oversee and assist in resolving a variety of situations characterized by conflict or danger.
- Operate specialized emergency communications equipment.
- Operate and maintain a variety of airport and fire rescue equipment.
- Participate in providing the full range of emergency medical services and use a variety of specialized medical equipment.
- Analyze problems, identify alternative solutions, and project consequences of proposed actions and implement recommendations in support of goals.
- Safely operate department vehicles, apparatus, and other emergency equipment.
- Prepare clear and concise reports.
- Establish and maintain cooperative-working relationships with those contacted in the course of work including government officials, community groups and the public.
- Interpret and apply federal, state, and local policies, procedures, laws, and regulations.
- Work irregular hours including weekends, holidays and extended hours in emergency, disaster or other situations influenced by workload or staffing difficulties.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
- Pass a physical examination and be deemed fit for duty.
- Sufficiently wear/use any personal protective equipment provided by the City.
- Maintain mental capacity, which permits:
 - quickly making sound decisions and using good judgment.
 - demonstrating intellectual capabilities.
 - maintaining effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:
 - making observations including discerning colors
 - reading and writing
 - operating assigned equipment
 - assessing the situation at an incident scene
 - communicating with others
- Maintain physical condition appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities which may include the following:
 - participating in fire suppression activities.
 - running, walking, standing, bending, crouching, crawling, or sitting for extended periods of time.
 - lifting, carrying, and/or moving equipment and injured/deceased persons.
 - pushing and pulling various objects.
 - climbing stairs and ladders.
 - performing lifesaving and rescue procedures.
 - operating assigned equipment including motor vehicles.
- Effectively deal with personal danger, which may include exposure to hazardous materials, fumes, smoke, intense heat, electrical hazards, confined or high workplaces, dangerous animals, loud noises, emergency driving, traffic control, working in and near traffic, and natural or man-made disasters.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Respond to emergency and non-emergency incidents; provide appropriate services as required including emergency rescue and fire suppression; perform search and rescue for trapped or injured persons; perform emergency medical and first aid services as needed; prepare reports regarding emergency incidents as assigned.
- Drive and/or operate fire apparatus on emergency calls or at incident scenes.
- Operate numerous types of rescues, emergency and fire suppression equipment and apparatus as necessary; operate, inspect, repair, and perform other technical tasks related to maintaining the apparatus, equipment, and facilities.
- Participate in cleaning and maintaining facilities, grounds, equipment, and apparatus; ensure that appropriate conditions are maintained at assigned facility; ensure that all equipment and apparatus is in a constant state of readiness for emergency calls.
- Participate in a variety of fire prevention operations, activities and programs including training, fire investigations; code enforcement and equipment operation and maintenance; participate in activities and operations in response to natural disasters, major accidents, incidents involving hazardous materials, and other emergency situations; identify, analyze, and avoid hazardous and dangerous situations.
- Respond to a variety of hazardous materials incidents; to perform defensive or offensive activities which will be dependent upon levels of certification in accordance with state and federal regulations; maintain knowledge and training about hazardous materials.
- Study city street and occupancy locations; study building layout and fire prevention systems in buildings.
- Assist EMS by evaluating the condition of patients and assess pertinent information about medical profile and injuries; determine treatment in accordance with EMT training; maintain contact with medical facility to prepare for patient arrival.
- Participate in a variety of activities requiring travel including off-site inspections; respond to incidents on an on-call basis and under emergency conditions.
- Input, review and access records, information, and other various data.
- Give tours of the fire station, demonstrate fire equipment and apparatus, and participate in other educational programs on a variety of safety topics.
- Operate rescue vehicles and equipment; maintain supplies, materials, and equipment aboard rescue vehicles.
- Prepare emergency response reports as directed by supervisor.
- Perform inspection and maintenance on fire hydrants to ensure compliance.
- Perform other related job duties and related job tasks as assigned by supervisors.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

- Retirement plan w/ matching 401(a) and 457(b)
- Employer provided health insurance.
- Paid leave time
- 10 paid holidays

TO APPLY: Apply online at www.wga.gov. For more information about the openings, contact Chief CJ Gilland at cgilland@wga.gov. Positions will remain posted until filled.