

Firefighter Duties & Responsibilities

As a member of the Chatham-Kent Fire Service, you shall:

- Respond as a member of a team to varied public service calls including emergency calls, medical emergencies and motor vehicle accidents as directed.
- Provide emergency patient care.
- Perform fire ground and rescue operations.
- Possess the physical strength to lay and connect hose, hold nozzles and direct high pressure water streams, raise, climb and work from ladders in high places (up to 100 feet or more), and use or operated all equipment associated with the normal and efficient operations associated with the control and extinguishment of fires.
- Possess the ability to work while wearing self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing (50-60 lbs.) in noxious and/or smoke filled environments.
- Be responsible for ventilating buildings or areas to release heat, smoke or fumes, at times from high places; place salvage covers so as to protect property and prevent water damage; and perform overhaul operations to ensure that fires have been completely extinguished.
- Respond to hazardous materials incidents and mitigate the emergency.
- Respond to water and ice, high angle and confined space incidents.
- Drive and/or operate fire vehicles requiring a DZ license, apparatus, or equipment, as assigned.
- Be qualified in first aid to provide medical assistance and administer delegated emergency medical procedures.
- Maintain fire apparatus, equipment, fire stations and departmental property.
- Participate in departmental training programs, and be proficient and knowledgeable in firefighting/emergency medical response equipment, techniques and procedures.
- Educate the public about fire prevention and fire safety practises.
- Perform public relations services including presentations, demonstrations and participate in special activities, as directed.
- Assist with on the job training of fellow firefighters.
- Work shifts on an alternating day/night schedule, consisting of 10-hour days and 14-hour nights for an average of 42 hours per week over a four week period, including weekends and holidays.

Minimum Requirements

In order to be considered for a career as a Firefighter with the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, you must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Over 18 years of age and legally entitled to work in Canada.
- Able to understand and communicate clearly in oral and written English.
- At least 20/30 corrected binocular vision and satisfactory colour and peripheral vision.
- Have a secondary school graduation certificate or equivalent.
- Successful completion of an Ontario Pre-Service Firefighter certificate or Certified Firefighter or Certified Career Firefighter through the Ontario Fire Marshal (completion of Components 1,2,3) or equivalent.

- Equivalents may include full-time, hands-on programs such as: Firefighter Training Program Certificate from fire etc. (A division of Lakeland College, Vermilion, Alberta), Career Firefighter Pre-Employment Certificate from the Justice Institute of British Columbia, Basic Fire Suppression NFPA 1001 Firefighter I & II certification from Texas A&M University, or another institution accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) or the Pro Board.
- Have a valid First Aid certificate and a valid CPR Basic Rescuer Certificate (Level C).
- Have a valid Class DZ Driver's License in good standing.
- Have a valid Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) from a licensed testing facility. More specific information regarding this requirement will be available during an actual recruitment.