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## **Volunteer Firefighter Job Information**

### **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Resident of the Town of Smithers;
- Minimum age of 19;
- Completed Grade 12 or equivalent;
- Normal vision subject to firefighter eye and vision standards;
- Police information computer check with vulnerable sector screening (criminal record check) to be completed before final acceptance as an Auxiliary Firefighter;
- Valid BC Drivers License and clean Drivers Abstract.

### **REQUIRED ABILITIES:**

- Possess good interpersonal skills
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Ability to work as a team member
- Transportation to respond to calls.

### **ON THE JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

- A medical from the Fire Rescue Physician indicating that you are physically fit to perform duties of a firefighter. Cost will be borne by Smithers Fire Rescue.
- Fire Services fitness test conducted by Smithers Fire Rescue.
- Participation in a 6-month basic training program. Upon successful completion of the Recruit Training Program, the recruit will be assigned to a company and respond to emergency events.
- Participation in the B.C. Firefighter Full-Service Certification Program. Be prepared to participate in all aspects of training, which includes lectures, practical or “hands on training” indoors and outdoors regardless of weather conditions. This training covers all basic fire fighting and emergency topics, including Fire Service Orientation, Hose, Ladders, Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, Rescue and Safety, Hazardous Chemicals and Dangerous Goods.
- Ability to respond to incidents (may occur anytime-day or night, anytime during the year). When involved in any Fire Rescue operation you are expected to conduct yourself in a sensible and professional manner.
- Ability to attend the mandatory basic training program (Wednesday evenings 1900 to 2130 for 6 months) and ongoing training sessions (Wednesday nights from 1900 to 2100 hours).
- Successful completion of a one-year probationary period.
- Due to Work Safe BC regulations the wearing of beards or excessive facial hair is not permitted due to the necessity to wear breathing apparatus.

**VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ARE SUPPLIED WITH:**

- Full protective clothing;
- A pager for callouts to fire incidents;
- Benefit Insurance (Accident and Sickness Program) 24-hour coverage.