NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY. Department of Civil Service

EMPLOYEE HEALTH SERVICE

Statement of Physical and Medical Requirements for Fire Protection Specialist 1/Trainee 1/2

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NOTE: CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO MEET THE PHYSICAL AND MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS STATED BELOW AND, IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT, AT THE TIME OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION, AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT, AND AT APPROPRIATE INTERVALS THEREAFTER.

- 1. <u>Height and Weight</u> Will not interfere with the candidate's ability to perform the essential functions of the position. All candidates will be evaluated for their ability to perform job specific tasks.
- 2. Speech Must be free of speech pathology which would interfere with the ability to communicate clearly.
- 3. <u>Vision</u> Candidates must have binocular vision not less than 20/40 with or without correction. Binocular peripheral vision must not be less than 140 degrees.
- 4. <u>Color Vision</u> Perception of color is deemed acceptable if the candidate correctly reads (9) or more of the first (13) plates of the 24-plate edition of the Ishihara Test. If the candidate's color perception is deemed unacceptable through the use of said test and he/she believe the results to be incorrect, such an individual may at his/her own expense take the Farnsworth-Munsell 100-Hue Test. A total error score of not more than 124 is deemed acceptable.
- 5. Hearing The average hearing level (HL) for the 3 test frequencies of 500, 1000, and 2000 Hz will not exceed 25 dB in either ear, and no single hearing level will exceed 30 dB at any of these 3 test frequencies in either ear. Hearing loss at 3000 Hz will not exceed 40 dB HL in either ear. Use of hearing aids is permitted as long as they are self-contained and fit within (auricular) or behind or over (post-auricular) the ear. Candidates with hearing aids, at their own expense, must provide evidence from a licensed audiologist, using functional gain or real ear measurements, that their aid(s) meet the stipulated manufacturer's standards. If the candidate's pure tone screening test is deemed unacceptable, such candidates may at his/her own expense undergo Recourse Testing administered by a NYS licensed audiologist, including: 1. hearing sensitivity, 2. speech discrimination in quiet, 3. speech discrimination in noise. The minimal acceptable standard of speech (hearing) discrimination shall be a score no poorer than 90% in quiet and 70% in noise on two of the pre-recorded versions of the CID W-22-word lists.
- 6. <u>Cardiovascular</u> Candidates must be free of functionally limiting heart disease. Candidates must have a functional cardiac classification of no greater than Class IA. This determination is to be made clinically or by cardiac stress test. Candidates with uncontrolled blood pressure will be restricted pending remediation.
- 7. Respiratory System The respiratory system must be free of disabling conditions that will interfere with the candidate's ability to perform the essential functions of the position. A chest x-ray (B-reading) and a test of pulmonary function will be conducted as a baseline study. Candidates will be required to be certified to use half face respirators, full face respirators, and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).
- 8. **Diabetes** Candidates who are diabetic must provide evidence of satisfactory medical control.
- 9. <u>Neurological Health</u> Candidates must be free of neurological disorders that will interfere with the candidate's ability to perform the essential functions of the position. Candidates with any type of epilepsy or seizure disorders must provide evidence of one-year seizure free history with or without medication.
- 10. <u>Musculoskeletal Health</u> Candidates must be free of musculoskeletal defects, deformities or disorders that will interfere with the candidate's ability to perform the essential functions of the position. Functional use of the arms, hands, legs, feet and back must be demonstrable at the examination. Prostheses must be functional and must allow candidate to perform the essential functions of the position.

General Medical Statement

- A. Candidates must be free of any medical condition, including drug or alcohol abuse, and/or psychiatric disorder, that would jeopardize the safety and health of the public and/or other employees or would clearly interfere with the ability to perform the essential functions of the position.
- B. Candidates may not have a medical problem that prevents them from working mandatory unscheduled overtime.
- C. Candidates will be required to undergo a psychological evaluation, including psychological testing.
- D. Candidates found to be abusing legal drugs or using illegal drugs will be disgualified.

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