

Subject:	FIREFIGHTER QUALIFICATIONS
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POLICY

Firefighter Qualifications

In addition to the specific qualifications for a paid staff position, staff members are expected to:

1. Have, and maintain, a current Washington State Emergency Medical Technician Certificate. The certificate must be kept current during the term of employment.
2. Have knowledge of the use, operation, and maintenance of modern firefighting equipment and methods.
3. Posses a valid Washington State drivers license, have an acceptable driving record, and be able to drive and operate a vehicle with standard transmission.
4. Possess a high school diploma or certificate of educational competence.
5. Be bondable and be subject to character and background investigation.
6. Have reasonable skills in using the typewriter and/ or computer for preparing forms, letters, and reports, or be able to learn these skills in a minimal time period.
7. Be able to read and write English, and to read and understand policies, rules, instructions, and written materials of the department, and be able to understand and follow oral and written instructions.
8. Be able to think clearly and act quickly, calmly, and efficiently in emergency situations, and be able to perform demanding physical activities.
9. Exhibit health and physical fitness including freedom from addiction to alcohol and/ or illegal chemical substances or opiates, and agree to be a non-tobacco user on and off the job at all times.

REFERENCES

Cross Reference: Policy 2430 Position descriptions
Policy 2445 Tobacco-free Environment