



## ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

OG - 100-206

### Lieutenant

#### Job Summary

A Lieutenant is the junior most of the line officers. The Lieutenant is expected to be experienced at and able to perform the duties of a Firefighter. The Lieutenant is responsible for the supervision of a crew of up to seven (7) firefighters and the apparatus they respond on when dispatched to emergency scenes, including fires, medical calls, auto accidents, hazardous materials incidents, etc. When the Lieutenant is the first fire officer to arrive at an emergency scene, they are to take charge as Incident Commander until relieved by a higher ranking officer.

#### Essential Job Functions

In addition to the job functions of a Firefighter, a Lieutenant is expected to:

- Ensure that personnel are properly equipped and safely on apparatus before responding to an alarm
- Ensure that the apparatus is driven safely and that proper warning systems are used
- Ensure that the route is safe and be aware of other responding units
- Check maps to determine routes, building and water supply locations, etc.
- Ensure the appropriate location for spotting aerial or pumping apparatus, or other vehicles
- Provide situation and status reports via the radio while approaching fire or emergency scene
- Receive and interpret information from dispatcher
- Size up potential fire or emergency situation while enroute
- Conduct initial size up at fire or emergency scene
- Direct and perform fire suppression operations
- Direct and perform rescue operations by determining the best rescue methods, equipment, and personnel needed for rescue
- Oversee the extrication of victims trapped in buildings, vehicles, trenches, or other hazards
- Supervise the activities of assigned personnel at emergency scenes
- Direct crew in carrying out orders from superior officers at emergency scenes
- Maintain proper radio communications during emergency incidents

#### Other Duties

- Participates in ongoing training and education.
- Maintains administrative records and performs administrative duties as directed by the Fire Chief.

### **Physical Requirements**

- Same as a Firefighter

### **Qualifications**

- Experience and Competency per NFPA 1021 – National Fire Protection Association Standard for Fire Officer Qualifications; Firefighter II Certification or Documented Equivalency; Ongoing participation with recognized Officer Development Programs; Subject to Peer Review