



## THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE:	VOLUNTEER/PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER
DEPARTMENT:	THOROLD FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
SUPERVISOR:	FIRE CHIEF / DISTRICT CHIEF / DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
COMPENSATION:	AS PER CONTRACT

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### POSITION SUMMARY

Performs firefighting duties and other related work as required. This is manual work of a hazardous nature involving the fighting of fires, salvage, rescue works and first aid generally under the direct supervision of superior Officers. Regular training and some maintenance work in the fire station and vehicles is required. Firefighters may be required to make decisions and work without supervision until an Officer arrives on scene.

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### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Responds to fire, rescue, hazardous materials, medical assistance emergencies and other emergencies assigned to the Department.
2. Lays and connects hose lines, nozzles and other related appliances. Connects hose to fire hydrants, Fire Department connections, and turns off and on.
3. Holds fire hose and pumps fire streams.
4. Operates portable pumps as assigned.
5. Operates elevating devices as assigned.
6. Drives and operates fire apparatus as assigned.
7. Carries, erects and climbs ladders.
8. Operates rescue equipment, both heavy hydraulic and hand tools.
9. Performs salvage work and overhaul at fire and emergency scenes using salvage covers, vacuums, mops, and squeegees, etc.
10. Performs ventilation by making openings in buildings, using axes, power tools, exhaust fans.

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**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (cont'd)**

11. Enters burning or contaminated buildings, structures and other areas to fight fires and/or perform rescues while wearing required clothing and safety equipment. (self contained breathing apparatus).
12. Assist in giving first aid to the injured. Maintains current CPR and Red Cross First Responder Certificate and Defibrillation Certificate.
13. Assists in cleaning firefighting equipment upon return to the station after an emergency call or a practice.
14. Attends regular training sessions to practice existing procedures and to learn and practice new firefighting and rescue methods.
15. Cleans and maintains personal gear and areas of the fire station as scheduled.
16. Assists with the fire prevention program and training program.
17. Other duties as assigned by Fire Chief, District Chief or Department Officers.

**POSITION SPECIFICATIONS**

**EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

- Minimum grade twelve or equivalent in training and experience.

**EXPERIENCE/SKILLS:**

- Mental alertness, mechanical aptitude, ability to get along well with others, willingness to perform any task assigned, conscientious and dependable, good physical condition, holder of a valid “D” license with a “Z” endorsement within one year of joining the Fire Department.

**WORK ENVIRONMENT:**

- The Firefighter will be expected to respond and work in all types of weather and less than ideal conditions. Monitors all radio communications, at all hours, and responds to emergency calls. He/she may have to enter hazardous atmospheres and areas and will be expected to work in a safe manner.

**SUPERVISION GIVEN:**

- Works under the direction of the Fire Chief, District Chief and Department Officers.

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**POSITION SPECIFICATIONS (Cont'd)**

**TIME PRESSURES:**

- High degree of pressure associated with emergency situations involving major fires, accidents, hazardous materials, medical, etc.

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

**Supervision Received:** Works under direction of Fire Chief, District Chief and Department Officers.

**Impact of Errors:** In emergency situations, errors may be costly to life threatening.

**Freedom** Limited freedom, however, in the absence of an Officer, functions with a greater degree of responsibility.

**INTERPERSONAL CONTACTS:**

- Chief, Officers, fellow Firefighters and the public.

**CREATIVITY:**

- Ability to communicate effectively verbally and has good written skills.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

- Must have the ability to endure mental and physical stress associated with emergency situations. Maintain good physical fitness level and medical fitness.