

# North Sioux City Fire Department Volunteer Firefighter

## **Pay Range**

None- Volunteer

## **Location**

North Sioux City, SD

## **Description**

The Volunteer Firefighter serves our community and Fire District by responding to a wide variety of situations, ranging from emergency calls that can be immediately threatening to life or property, or to routine calls from citizens for various service calls. Volunteers will perform their duties within the scope of the North Sioux City Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures and under the direction of the command staff of the department. General areas in which the volunteer may perform their duties include fire suppression, emergency medical situations or rescues, hazardous materials response, training, and public education. Volunteers may be required to perform assigned duties under adverse conditions and physical conditions that may pose a high risk of personal injury.

**May respond to calls 24 hours a day. No set schedule.**

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

The volunteer firefighter drives (if so trained) or rides an emergency vehicle in response to fire, rescue, hazardous materials response, and emergency medical events (if so trained). In responding to these events, the volunteer firefighter will perform various duties such as: laying and connecting hose, holding and controlling the nozzle while flowing water, placing and operating equipment around the fire ground, operating pumps or directing water streams, carrying and raising ladders, climbing ladders while carrying tools and equipment, using various fire suppression devices, using a self-contained breathing apparatus. The Volunteer firefighter may perform various other tasks, if so trained, such as: entering a burning building as a part of a fire suppression team, perform ventilation tasks above the fire ground, carry heavy objects and equipment, and rescue injured or trapped victims on a variety of calls. Volunteers will also be expected to attend various training classes to maintain proficiency in firefighting.

## **Qualifications**

Must be able to read, speak, legibly write and comprehend the English language without restriction. Be able to respond to and cope with various emergency situations calmly but effectively at any time throughout the day. Volunteers are not expected to respond to every call the department receives, but the volunteer must maintain a call percentage to remain in good standing with the department. Must possess the ability to handle confidential information and follow all HIPPA and state laws regarding confidentiality. Applicant should have the ability to take initiative, problem solve, and show sound judgment and decision-making abilities. Must possess the ability to drive safely in all road and weather conditions with a current driver's license that is valid in all 50 states without being on any type of high-

risk automobile insurance, SR-22, etc. Must have a high degree of personal integrity. Must have the ability to work efficiently and interact in a constructive and professional manner with other volunteers, paid staff, public safety personnel, medical staff and other emergency medical service members. Must have the ability to interact effectively and professionally with patients, customers, clients, family members, bystanders and the general public in such a manner as to reflect credibly on the Dakota Valley Emergency Services District or the North Sioux City Fire Department. Must demonstrate a level of skill and ability consistent with the provision of high-quality Fire Department.

### **Physical and Mental Demands**

In addition to the physical and mental functions as described above, the volunteer firefighter may be required to:

- Ability to wear personal protective gear for an extended amount of time. Full firefighter gear can be an excess of 70 pounds.
- Carry a ladder that can weigh in excess of 60 pounds, raise and extend the ladder to the top of a structure, assist victims up or down the ladder, and be able to carry fire hose or other heavy equipment up and down the ladder and stairs
- Ability to move and advance a charged handline in various fire ground situations and environments. Charged hand lines can be in excess of 150 pounds.
- Ability to hold flowing hose lines for long periods of time and to shut off a flowing hand line while maintaining control of the line.
- Ability to enter adverse environments by using a self-contained breathing apparatus.
- Ability to work in high, open and confined places.
- Ability to operate equipment in awkward positions such as overhead, off to the side, or below the firefighter.
- Ability to hold and use various firefighting tools and equipment for an extended amount of time.
- Ability to perform firefighting and rescue duties while exposed to extreme heat, cold, and/or wet environments.
- Ability to lift, carry, bend, strain, stretch, contort, push, pull, or twist in order to move equipment or patients over rough and/or uneven terrain.

**Work Environment:** Exposure to various weather conditions. These may include extreme heat/cold, wet and or humid conditions, snow, ice, etc. Use of protective eyewear, footwear, gloves, facemask, and other personal protective equipment. Exposure to violent behavior. Traffic hazards. Electrical and fire hazards. Communicable diseases.

We do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, sex, age, disability, or any other status protected by law or regulation.

Questions may be directed to the North Sioux City Fire Department.  
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