

## Ontario County Department of Human Resources 3019 County Complex Drive Canandaigua, NY 14424

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Vision: A vibrant community where every citizen has the opportunity to be healthy, safe and successful

Mission: Provide strategic and responsive public services that are fiscally responsible and sensitive to the diverse and changing needs of our community

## FIRE CAPTAIN (CITY OF CANANDAIGUA)

Civil Service Exam held in Ontario County (Promotional)

<u>Exam Date</u> <u>Exam Number</u> June 26, 2021 <u>75-784</u>

Application Fee\*
\$20.00 (Do not send cash)

Application Deadline May 12, 2021

\*The non-refundable Application and Administrative Fees must be submitted at time of application (credit or debit card only).

It is the applicants' responsibility to clearly show that they meet the minimum qualifications for the position.

A \*Fee Waiver is available to candidates who meet the requirements.

Pay Rate: City of Canandaigua 2021 salary range: \$71,000 - \$73,000.

This examination is being held to establish an Eligible List to fill future vacancies in this title, which may occur during the life of the Eligible List. An eligible may receive only one Permanent appointment from this Eligible List. If an eligible accepts a Contingent-Permanent appointment their name will be removed from the Eligible List only for the department or agency in which she/he received the Contingent-Permanent appointment. Once appointed, there will be a probation period of 8 to 26-weeks based on performance of duties.

Minimum Qualifications: Immediately preceding the examination date, candidates must possess, EITHER:

- 1. An Associate's Degree in Fire Science Technology AND two (2) years of Permanent Competitive status in the position of Firefighter in the City of Canandaigua; OR
- 2. Three (3) years of Permanent Competitive status in the position of Firefighter in the City of Canandaigua.

<u>Anticipated Eligibility</u>: Applicants who lack thirty days, or less, of meeting the minimum qualifications by the date of the examination will be admitted conditionally to the examination. However, proof of the additional days' qualifications must be submitted prior to the establishment of the eligible list.

<u>Job Description</u>: This is supervisory firemanic work involving responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the quarters, operations, equipment and appliances of the Fire Department. Direct supervision is exercised over the activities of the firefighters. The work is performed in accordance with established policies and requires the exercise of good judgment in emergencies. The work is performed under the direct supervision of the Fire Chief. On assignment, the incumbent acts in place of the Fire Chief. Does related work as required.

**Subjects of Examination:** A test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and/or abilities in the following areas:

1. Preparing written material - These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order. You must then choose, from four suggestions, the best order for the sentences.

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**Subjects of Examination**: (Continued)

- **2. Fire prevention -** These questions test for a knowledge of fire prevention methods, principles, practices, and equipment. The questions cover such areas as the following: alarm systems; automatic smoke/fire detectors; automatic sprinklers; standpipes; dealing with building owners and managers; fire hazards; fire prevention education; and inspection of buildings.
- **3. Firefighting practices and equipment -** These questions test for a knowledge of firefighting methods, principles, practices, and equipment. The questions cover such areas as the following: aspects of the Incident Management System; building materials and construction types; direction of subordinate firefighters; communications at emergency incidents; accountability; fire cause and origin; building inspections; extinguishing agents and application procedures; fire behavior characteristics; fire suppression; hand and power tools; hazardous materials; weapons of mass destruction; hoses, nozzles, and water streams; ladders and elevating platforms; self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA); fire scene size-up; and ventilation.
- **4. On-the-job training of fire personnel -** These questions test for a knowledge of the principles and practices of on-the-job training of fire personnel. The questions cover such areas as determining the necessity for training, selecting appropriate training methods, overcoming obstacles to learning, and evaluating the effectiveness of training.
- **5. Rescue techniques and basic emergency medical response -** These questions test for a knowledge of rescue techniques and basic emergency medical treatment. You will be presented with brief descriptions of various fire, rescue, and personal injury and illness situations. Each situation will be followed by one or more questions that cover such areas as the following: triage; bleeding; broken bones; burns; respiratory failure; cardiac failure; rescue-related tools; knot tying; rescue and associated EMS equipment.
- **6. Supervision -** These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices employed in planning, organizing, and controlling the activities of a work unit toward predetermined objectives. The concepts covered, usually in a situational question format, include such topics as assigning and reviewing work; evaluating performance; maintaining work standards; motivating and developing subordinates; implementing procedural change; increasing efficiency; and dealing with problems of absenteeism, morale, and discipline.

The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication 'General Guide to Written Tests' helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at: <a href="https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm">https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm</a>.

USE OF CALCULATORS IS **PROHIBITED** FOR THIS EXAM

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF EXAMS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON: CHANNEL 10 NEWS, NEWS10NBC.COM, and 1550 AM RADIO STATION.

**SENIORITY CREDITS** (POINTS) WILL BE ADDED TO A SUCCESSFUL ELIGIBLE'S SCORE AS FOLLOWS:

Less than one year -- 0 points

1 year up to 6 years -- 1 point

Over 6 years up to 11 years -- 2 points

Over 11 years up to 16 years -- 3 points

Over 16 years up to 21 years -- 4 points

Over 21 years up to 26 years -- 5 points

Applications and further information may be obtained by visiting the ONTARIO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES website at <a href="https://www.ontariocountyny.gov/HumanResources">www.ontariocountyny.gov/HumanResources</a>. Completed applications and application fees must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on <a href="https://may.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/HumanResources">MAY 12, 2021</a>.

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It is the candidates' responsibility to keep their contact information (email address, phone number & USPS mailing address) current. The Address Change Form can be found on the Ontario County Department of Human Resources website: <a href="www.ontariocountyny.gov/HumanResources">www.ontariocountyny.gov/HumanResources</a>. To be considered for preference in certification based on residency, you must include the city and/or town/village and school district you live in. All communication is done electronically through the applicant provided email address.

If candidate **fails to receive an admission letter** at least seven days prior to the examination date, you should contact the Department of Human Resources immediately.

Most written tests are held on Saturdays. If you cannot take the test on the announced test date due to a conflict with a religious observance or practice, check the box under "Religious Accommodation". We will make arrangements for you to take the test on a different date (usually the following business day).

**Disabled persons**: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form.

\*The required **NON-REFUNDABLE** application and administrative fees must be submitted at time of application. If your application is disapproved, the fees will not be returned to you. Do not send cash, check or money order. If you are approved and do not appear for the examination, you forfeit the fees as no refunds will be made. In accordance with Civil Service Law, Section 50.5(b), an exception to the fee requirements will be made only for persons who are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household or who are receiving public assistance. The Fee Waiver Form can be found at the Ontario County Department of Human Resources website: <a href="https://www.ontariocountyny.gov/HumanResources">www.ontariocountyny.gov/HumanResources</a>.

Any member of the **Armed Forces** of the United States of America, who having duly filed an application to compete in a scheduled competitive examination for Civil Service employment by the State of New York or any of its subdivisions and who due to active military duty is deprived of the opportunity to compete in such examination shall be provided with an opportunity to compete, under terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the State Department of Civil Service or Municipal Commission, by way of a special military make-up examination.

**Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLFP) -** The PSLF Program is intended to encourage individuals to enter and continue to work full-time in public service jobs. Under this program, you may qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance on your (Direct Loan) loans after you have made 120 qualifying payments on those loans while employed full-time by certain public service employers. For more information about this program go to: <a href="http://studentaid.ed.gov">http://studentaid.ed.gov</a>.

Ontario County is an **Equal Opportunity Employer** and, as such, offers equal opportunities for all qualified applicants with no discrimination as to age, race, color, creed, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, predisposing genetic characteristics, marital status, domestic violence victim status or disabilities and, in certain circumstances pursuant to Executive Law 296, conviction record. Any person with a disability requesting reasonable accommodations in order to participate in examinations will be accommodated.

This examination is announced and will be rated in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law and Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to this examination.

Michele O. Smith Director of Human Resources

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