

FIREFIGHTING TODAY

The field of fire fighting has changed substantially over the last decade. Gone are the smoke-eaters of old, running into burning buildings with no protective gear save an insulated coat.

This century's firefighter is a new breed, focused on safety, customer service and public education.

Structure fires have been in steady decline, with no small thanks to the dedicated efforts of fire departments to educate the public and promote the use of extinguishers and smoke detectors.

In place of fires, departments like the Surrey Fire Service (SFS) are attending a dramatically increasing number of medical calls (almost 20,000 in 2010) and motor vehicle accidents (close to 4,000 in 2010). In fact, out of over 26,000 calls to the SFS in 2010, only 8,366 calls were fire related.

The changing nature of our calls requires a different type of firefighter.

Today, firefighters are mature, well educated individuals who represent the diverse nature of the community we serve. We encourage women and minorities to bring their own unique strengths and experiences to the service.



For information about Surrey Fire Service, please visit:

www.surrey.ca/fireservice
www.surreyfirefighters.com

Applications are accepted through:
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BENEFITS OF SERVICE

If you want a career that will make a difference, consider Surrey Fire Service. We offer:

- Competitive salary of approximately \$75,000 for Fourth Year, First Class Firefighters
- Medical and dental coverage
- A benefit package valued at \$25,000 per year and life insurance
- On-site fitness centres
- Generous retirement plan
- Exciting work environment
- Paid vacation
- Ongoing career development
- Advancement opportunities
- A respectful workplace that is welcoming to people of all ethnicities, religions, genders and sexual orientation

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Legal entitlement to work in Canada
- High school graduation
- Valid B.C. Driver's License, Class 3 with air, and a driving record that demonstrates responsible and safe driving behaviour.
- Completion of a criminal record check
- Normal, unaided hearing
- Completion of an entry level firefighter medical examination conducted by MCM Occupational Health Services
- Successful completion of an International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) certified National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) 1001 Level 2 program
- First Responder Level 3 certification or Occupational First Aid Level 3

All requirements must be supported by certificates or documents for candidates to be considered for the position of a career firefighter.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

Secondary qualifications we look for in our applicants include:

- Work experience related to the Fire Service, such as auxiliary firefighter, forestry fire fighting or paramedic experience
- Additional Fire Service-related courses not included in NFPA 1001 Levels 1 and 2
- A history of volunteering and participating in community events or organizations
- A work history that demonstrates a high degree of mechanical aptitude
- Fluency in multiple languages
- A history of participation in team sports and/or athletic pursuits
- Post secondary education
- Trades training



A FIREFIGHTER IS:

- a team player
- a leader
- compassionate, even in stressful situations
- involved in his or her community
- physically fit
- able to adapt to a variety of situations
- detail oriented