**THE FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES A WRITTEN EXAMINATION FOR FIREFIGHTER TRAINEE IN THE SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**SALARY:** $2,300 per month

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this examination is to establish an eligibility list to fill vacancies as they are approved for Firefighter Trainee. The eligibility list will be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of approval unless exhausted.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS (MAY NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING):** Attends training regarding: Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances, modern fire fighting techniques, hazardous materials, building construction, motor vehicle operations, management and communication, and state certification for emergency medical technicians. Responds to fire alarms and other emergency calls. May be required to descend from 2nd floor quarters to 1st floor via sliding down a pole. Dons protective clothing (bunker gear) and breathing apparatus. Selects nozzles, depending on type of fire, removes hose from truck, transports hose to hydrant. Removes pre-connected hose from fire apparatus, stretches hose to fire and/or pulls skid load from apparatus bed, attaches to fire engine pump, and stretches to fire. In high rise, fire fighter carries 1 3/4" hose upstairs with nozzle and adapter and assorted equipment, connects hose to standpipe, and stretches hose to fire. Directs stream of water or chemicals onto fire. Positions and climbs ladders to gain access to upper levels of buildings. Performs and/or assists in victim extraction from buildings or vehicles. Performs search and rescue operations in buildings filled with fumes, smoke, odors, mists, etc. Creates openings in buildings or vehicles for ventilation, victim extraction, or entrance using ax, chisel, crow bar, electric saw, jaws-of-life, or other power equipment. Protects property from water and smoke using waterproof salvage covers, smoke ejectors, deodorants. Removes items from buildings, including but not limited to, appliances, couches, and cloths. Cleans up items involved in the fire and removes them from the premises including but not limited to, the items mentioned above. Administers first-aid and/or artificial respiration to injured persons or those overcome by fire and/or smoke. Communicates with fellow firefighter(s) and superior(s) during fire fighting and/or rescue operations.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:** Standing, walking, running, sitting, lifting over 200 lbs., carrying over 200 lbs., pushing, pulling, climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, handling, bending and finger dexterity.

**WORKING CONDITIONS:** Inside/outside, extreme cold/heat with/without temperature changes, rain and/or humidity, noise (siren use). Mechanical and electrical hazards, fires, explosives, radiant energy, bodily fluids, fumes, dusts, mists, gases and poor ventilation.

**QUALIFICATIONS (THE FOLLOWING INCLUDES THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR TAKING THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION. HOWEVER, APPLICANTS MUST PASS OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY TO BE HIRED):**

Applicants must possess the following qualifications at the time of application for the position of Firefighter:

1. Applicants must be at least 19 years of age at the time of testing.
2. Applicants must not have reached 34 years of age by the time of testing.
3. Applicants must have a high school diploma or G.E.D. certificate.
4. Applicants must not have any of the disqualifying items listed below on his/her record:
   - Conviction of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude.
   - Any discharge from the United States Armed Forces other than honorable.
   - Uncharacterized and Entry Level discharges may be accepted and will be assessed on an individual basis.
   - Two or more traffic violation convictions within the 12 months preceding the date of application.

- Conviction of a Class A or Class B misdemeanor or its equivalent within the 24 months preceding the date of application.
- Conviction of a Driving While Intoxicated, Driving Under the Influence of Drugs, or their equivalent within the 5 years preceding the date of application.

5. Applicants must have completed the Hepatitis B vaccine series prior to their date of entry into the Fire Training Academy.

**APPLICATIONS: Applications for this examination will be accepted on the following dates during the listed hours at the listed location:**

| Date | Hours | Location |
|---|---|---|
| June 05, 2006 | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Business Focus Center<br>215 S San Saba |
| June 06, 2006 | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | " |
| June 07, 2006 | " | " |
| June 08, 2006 | 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | " |
| June 09, 2006 | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | " |
| June 12, 2006 | " | " |
| June 13, 2006 | " | " |
| June 14, 2006 | " | " |
| June 15, 2006 | 1:00 p. m. – 7:00 p.m. | " |
| June 16, 2006 | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | " |
| June 19, 2006 | " | " |
| June 20, 2006 | " | " |
| June 21, 2006 | " | " |
| June 22, 2006 | 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | " |
| June 23, 2006 | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | " |
| June 26, 2006 | " | " |
| June 27, 2006 | " | " |
| June 28, 2006 | " | " |
| June 29, 2006 | 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | " |
| June 30, 2006 | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | " |
| July 01, 2006 | 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | " |

Applications will be accepted by mail if you live **100 miles or more** from San Antonio. Applicants residing within 100 miles must physically come in and submit an application. **Mail-in applications from applicants living within 100 miles will be discarded without notice.**

If you meet the "100 mile or more" criteria (www.mapquest.com), you may request an application packet beginning at 7:45 am (CST) on Monday, May 29, 2006 thru midnight (CST) Friday, June 16, 2006. To be placed on the application mail out list you may call 210-207-8427 or email your request at the following website: www.sanantonio.gov/safd/admin/recruitment/recruit.asp

Mailed application submissions must be postmarked no earlier than June 05, 2006 with a return postmark and mailed no later than midnight July 01, 2006. If return envelope has two postmarks, the most recent postmark will take precedent. SAFD will not be held responsible for damaged, delayed or lost mail.

**Mail applications to:** **SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPT**
**Attn: Captain Otis McNeil**
**215 S. San Saba, Suite 100B**
**San Antonio, Texas 78207**

**NO FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**
**YOU CANNOT DOWNLOAD APPLICATIONS FROM THE CITY WEBSITE**

**TIME/PLACE OF EXAMINATION**

**DATE:** July 31, 2006 (Monday)
**TIME:** **3:00p.m.**
**PLACE:** Exhibit Hall "D"
Convention Center
200 E. Market (Market/Bowie)

***Please line up outside the Entrance Doors of Exhibit Hall D towards Durango St.***
**(NO BOOKS, BACKPACKS, STUDY-GUIDES OR FOOD AT TEST SITE)**

Applicants who arrive after **2:50 p.m**. may not be permitted to test.

**IDENTICAL GRADES:** Whenever two or more competitors for a beginning position in either the Police Department or the Fire Department attain the same passing grade, these applicants shall be ranked according to the lot they draw, with the lowest lot being ranked first.

**VETERAN'S PREFERENCE:** Applicants who have served on active duty for a minimum of 180 consecutive days in the United States Armed Forces, received an honorable discharge, and scored seventy-percent (70%) or higher on the written entrance examination receive an additional five (5) points. These five (5) points are added to the applicant's written examination score and used to determine his/her placement on the eligibility list.

To be considered for receiving the five (5) Veteran's Preference Points, **you must submit an original or certified true and exact copy of your DD214 indicating character and length of honorable service at the time of application**. **There will be no exceptions or extensions beyond the date of application.** If you mailed in your application, mailed applications and copies of DD 214 (if applicable) must have been mailed together in the same envelope and postmarked **no earlier than June 05, 2006 with a return postmark and mailed no later than July 01, 2006.**

**DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: May 8, 2006**

Sharon De La Garza
Director
Firefighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission

**For more information, visit the SAFD website**
**www.sanantonio.gov/safd/admin/recruiting/recruit.asp**